

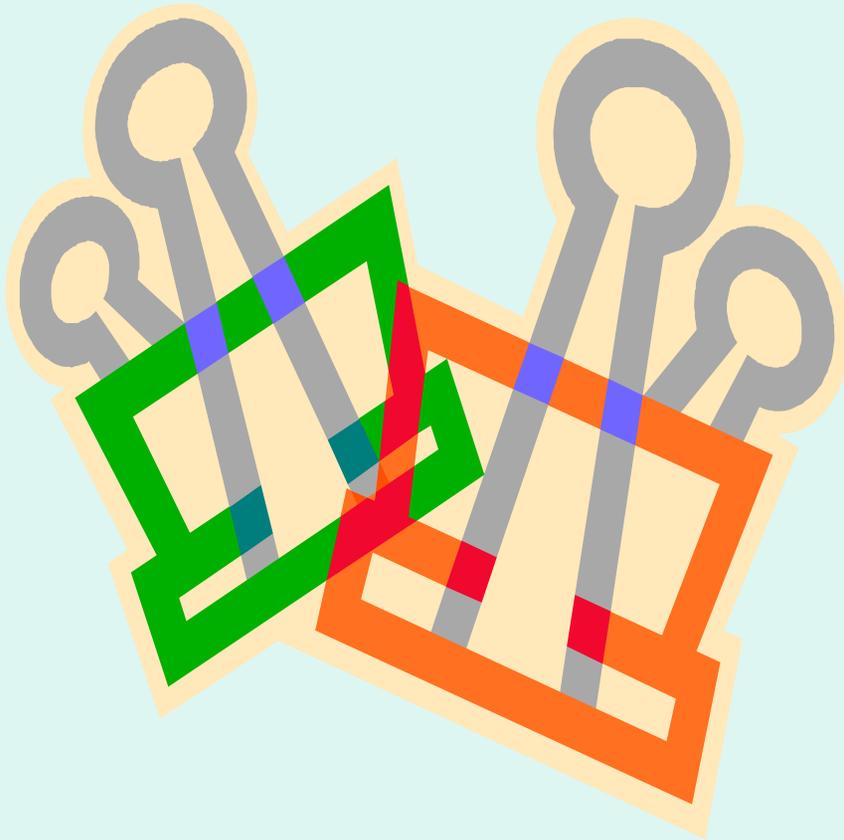
# Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee's Work Plan Process

June 5, 2015

# ETIC Work Plan Process

- What is a Work Plan?
- Why does the ETIC need to adopt a Work Plan?
- How does the ETIC plan its work?
- What are the resources available to the ETIC?
- What are the decisions the ETIC will make regarding a Work Plan?

# How does the ETIC plan its work?



- Draft work plan produced by staff based on assigned studies, suggested studies, and statutory duties.
- Available resources determined.
- Committee selection of options.
- Committee adoption of interim calendar.
- Detailed Work Plan developed.

# ETIC Resources

- Committee budget
- Committee member time
- Staff resources = .80 Interim FTE



# Decisions that need to be made



- Adopt a Work Plan through option selection that totals up to .80 FTE
- Adopt a Work Plan timeline
- Adopt interim draft calendar

# ETIC Statutory duties and obligations



- Review administrative rules
- Review agency legislation
- Monitor PSC activities
- Review select reports
- Energy policy

# Statutory Duties

## Duties

- **Oversee Public Service Commission**
  - Administrative Rules
  - Updates
  - Proposed Legislation
- **USB Review**
- **Geothermal Research**
- **Energy Policy Review**
- **Hydroelectric Potential**
- **Renewable Energy Credits**
- **High Performance Buildings**

# Energy Policy (SB 65 and SB 305, 2011)



- Changes made by 2011 Legislature
- Time Investment
- Public Involvement
- Committee Discussion

# Net Metering



- Senate Joint Resolution No. 12. Study Net Metering
- Ranked #2 in Legislative poll and assigned to ETIC
- Costs and Benefits of Net Metering
- Role of PSC

# Next Generation 9-1-1

- House Joint Resolution No. 7 Study Next Generation 9-1-1
- Ranked #3 in Legislative poll and assigned to ETIC
- Stakeholders



# Ridesharing



- House Joint Resolution No. 16 Study Ridesharing
- Ranked #11 in Legislative poll and assigned to ETIC
- SB 396 passed and approved
- Parameters of study



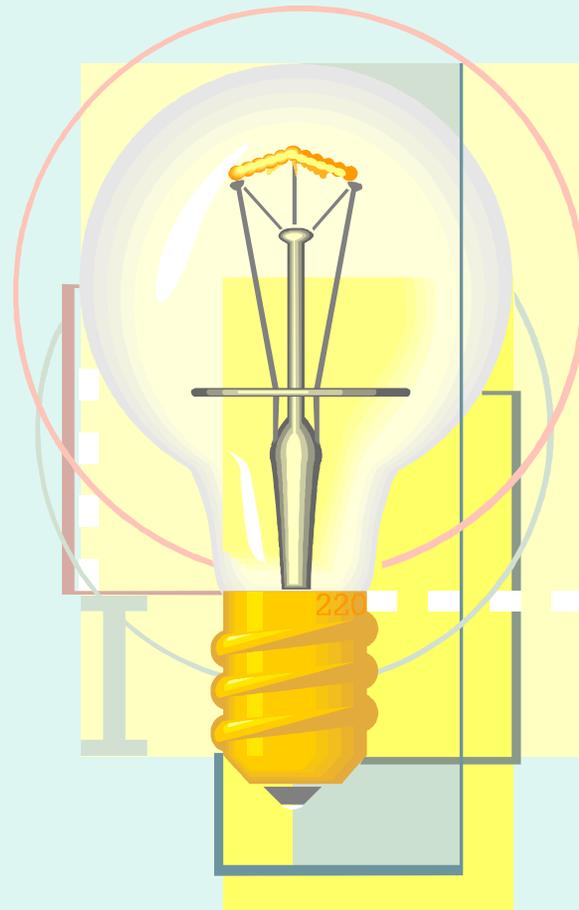
# 111d EPA Rulemaking



- Subcommittee with Environmental Quality Council (EQC)
- House Bill No. 2
  - Line-item veto
- Options for moving forward
  - Leg Council
  - Existing Funds

# Program Review

- Statutory Duties
  - Formalized review
- In-depth overview of PSC programs
- Select subjects from spreadsheet and level of review



# ETIC publications

- “A Citizen’s Guide to Montana Energy Law”
  - Produced in 2002; Updated in 2004, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2014
- “Understanding Electricity in Montana: A Guide to Electricity, Natural Gas and Coal Produced and Consumed in Montana”
  - Produced in 2002; Updated in 2004, 2010, 2014



# Future Items (Not in Work Plan)



- Energy Subsidies
  - Rep. Pope
- ???
- ???