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TO: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC)

FR: ETIC staff

RE: Net Metering Questionnaires

Attached are the questionnaires that were sent to NorthWestern Energy, Montana-Dakota Utilities, the Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association, the Montana Renewable Energy Association, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 233. The questions were approved by the ETIC at the June 5 meeting and sent shortly thereafter.

The ETIC requested responses on or before September 1. At this time, the committee has not received any formal responses from the stakeholders. However, the entities contacted by staff have all indicated they are in the process of responding to the information request and fully intend to meet the September deadline.

As questionnaires are received, staff will email that information. In addition, it will be posted on the ETIC website. At the September 11 meeting, the committee will need to discuss how best to vet the information received from stakeholders. The committee may want to request a formal review of the information received from certain, specific entities, or the committee may wish to simply allow the public to respond to the information provided in the questionnaires.

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