



# LEGISLATIVE CONSUMER COMMITTEE

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## SENATE MEMBERS

Brad Molnar  
Christopher Pope

## HOUSE MEMBERS

Mary Ann Dunwell Vice-Chair  
Mike Hopkins Chair

## MINUTES LOG

June 13, 2022  
Zoom Videoconference

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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Representative Mary Ann Dunwell, Vice-Chair  
Representative Mike Hopkins, Chair  
Senator Brad Molnar  
Senator Christopher Pope

## MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL STAFF PRESENT

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Jason Brown, Consumer Counsel  
Paul Schulz, Rate Analyst  
Jaime Stamatson, Economist  
Suzanne Snow, Secretary

## AGENDA

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[\(Attachment 1\)](#)

### CALL TO ORDER

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11:01:20 Chair Hopkins called the meeting to order with roll call.

[\(Attachment 2\)](#)

### CONTRACTED SERVICES

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11:02:05 Jason Brown requested authorization from the committee to retain the services of the following consultants:

2022.04.051 – NWE – Application for Emergency Authority to Operate and Acquire the Sleepy Hollow Oil and Gas System

- Donkin & Associates – George Donkin

2022.06.064 – NWE – Application for Approval of Corporate Restructuring

- Duncan & Allen, LLP – John Coyle
- Larkin & Associates, PLLC – Ralph Smith

2022.06.067 – NWE – Application for Approval of An Advanced Metering Opt-Out Tariff

- Acadian Consulting Group, LLC – David Dismukes

Committee Discussion.

MOTION: Chair Hopkins moved to approve the retention of consultants as per the request made by the Consumer Counsel.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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No public comment was offered at this time.

### ADJOURNED

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11:20:22 There being no other matters before the Committee the Chair adjourned the meeting.