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TO: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC)

FR: ETIC staff

RE: Correspondence

Attached is a collection of information that was sent to the ETIC since the June 5 meeting. The items were either requested by ETIC members and staff or provided by the public for distribution to the committee.

The information does not include a series of emails responding to questions posed by Senator Connell concerning the safety and reliability of net-metered facilities. Because the information provided by various stakeholders in response to Senator Connell is more than 200-pages, the data request and all of the responses received to-date were emailed to the committee on July 31. The information has also been posted to the ETIC website and included in the ETIC files. If you would like a hard copy of the information, let me know.

Included in your mailing is:

- An overview from NorthWestern Energy regarding its \$3 million investment in local renewable energy projects in the Bozeman area.
- A letter concerning Montana-Dakota Utilities proposed rate increase and treatment of net-metering customers. The rate increase is currently before the Public Service Commission in docket D2015.6.51.
- Information requested by the committee concerning the Northwest Power Pool.
- News articles and an opinion piece concerning the Highwood Generating Station in Great Falls.

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