



# Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Zoom Videoconference 9:00 a.m., Thursday, August, 20

### DRAFT AGENDA

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

9:00 a.m. **Call to order**

9:05 a.m. **Military Installations and Wind Farm Sighting**

1. Introduction -- Mr. Graff
2. Other states' language
3. Public Comment
4. Questions from the committee
5. Committee Action, if any

10:00 a.m. **PSC Legislative Proposals**

1. Overview -- Mr. Graff
2. Public Comment
3. Questions from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:45 a.m. **HB 597 (2019) Cleanup Legislation**

1. Overview -- Mr. Graff
2. Public Comment
3. Questions from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

- 11:15 a.m.           **PSC Update**
1.    PSC
  2.    Public Comment
  3.    Questions from the Committee
  4.    Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m.           **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m.           **Railroad Right of Way Issues**
1.    Overview -- Mr. Graff
  2.    Proposed Language
  3.    Public Comment
  4.    Questions from the Committee
  5.    Committee Action, if any
- 2:00 p.m.            **BREAK**
- 2:30 p.m.           **E-Rate Program Proposed Legislation**
1.    Overview -- Mr. Graff
  2.    Draft proposal
  3.    Public Comment
  4.    Questions from the Committee
  5.    Committee Action, if any
- 3:00 p.m.           **Administrative Rule Review**
1.    Introduction -- Mr. Walker
  2.    Questions from Committee
  3.    Public Comment
  4.    Committee action, if any
- 3:15 p.m.           **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 3:20 p.m.           **Recess**

## **Friday, August 21**

- 9:30 a.m.            **Call to Order**
- 9:35 a.m.            **Environmental Quality Council Update** -- Mr. Kolman

- 9:45 a.m.                   **2019 USB Reports -- Statutory Duties -- Tab 7**
1.     Introduction and Numbers -- Mr. Graff
  2.     Public Comment
  3.     Questions from the Committee
  4.     Instructions to Staff
- 10:15 a.m.                   **HJ 12: Transmission Infrastructure Study**
1.     Introduction – Mr. Graff
  2.     Draft Final Report
  3.     Questions from the committee
  4.     Committee action, if any
- 10:45 a.m.                   **Public Service Commission Study**
1.     Introduction – Mr. Graff
  2.     Draft Final Report
  3.     Questions from the committee
  4.     Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m.                   **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 11:30 a.m.                   Committee Work Session
- 11:55 a.m.                   **Other Business/Instructions to Staff**
1.     Review of Committee Budget
  2.     Review of Final Meeting Items
- 12:00 p.m.                   **Adjourn**

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