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To: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC) members  
From: Trevor Graff, ETIC Staff  
Re: Universal System Benefits (USB) program

Attached are copies of the 2018 USB Program Reports submitted by Montana-Dakota Utilities and NorthWestern Energy. The Department of Revenue also received reports from the state's large customers and an objection to those reports.

Title 69-8-402, MCA requires the ETIC to "review the universal system benefits programs, and, if necessary, submit recommendations regarding these programs." Public utilities and cooperative utilities are required to submit an annual summary report of universal system benefits programs to the ETIC for review.

During the July 29 meeting, ETIC members will be introduced to the USB program and receive a brief overview of the program. The ETIC in 2020 will again review USB reports, delve into the details of USB, and further discuss potential recommendations concerning the USB program.

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