



# Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee State Capitol, Room 172 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 29

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 9:00 a.m.            **Call to Order - Roll Call**  
**(Sen. Regier to chair meeting until election of officers)**
1. Introduction of Committee Members
  2. Introduction of Staff
- 9:15 a.m.            **Administrative Matters**
1. Purpose of the ETIC & Statutory Duties -- Mr. Graff
  2. Adoption of Rules & Procedures
  3. Questions from the Committee
- 9:45 a.m.            **Election of the ETIC Presiding Officer and Vice-Presiding Officer**
- 10:00 a.m.           **Introduction and Review of Interim Work Plan Options -- Tab 3**
1. Work Plan Option Matrix Introduction – Mr. Graff
  2. Public Comment on Work Plan
  3. Questions from the Committee
- 10:45 a.m.           **Energy Policy Overview -- Statutory Duties -- Tab 5**
1. Review and Statutory Requirements – Mr. Graff
  2. Public Comment on Energy Policy
  3. Questions from the Committee
  4. Committee action, if any
- 11:00 a.m.           **Administrative Rule Review -- Tab 9**
1. Introduction -- Mr. Walker
  2. Questions from Committee
  3. Public Comment
  4. Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m.           **Environmental Quality Council Update -- Mr. Kolman**

- 11:30 a.m.           **PSC Overview**
1.     PSC -- Chairman Brad Johnson
  2.     Public Comment
  3.     Questions from the Committee
  4.     Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m.           **LUNCH**  
(Members optional lunch by PSC invitation, Capitol Room 303)
- 1:00 p.m.           **Colstrip Closure Review**
1.     Introduction – Ms. Nowakowski
  2.     Panel Discussion
    - a. Talen – Dale Lebsack, President and CEO
    - b. Puget Sound Energy – Ron Roberts, Director of Generation and Natural Gas Storage
    - c. NorthWestern Energy – David Hoffman, Director, Montana Government Relations
  3.     Public Comment
  4.     Questions from the Committee
  5.     Committee action, if any
- 2:30 p.m.           **NorthWestern and MDU Rate Case Overviews**
1.     Introduction – Mr. Graff
  2.     PSC Overview
  3.     Public Comment
  4.     Questions from the Committee
  5.     Committee Action, if any
- 3:00 p.m.           **Montana Energy Information**
1.     Consumer Counsel
  2.     DEQ Energy Bureau
  3.     Northwest Power and Conservation Council
  4.     Public Service Commission
  5.     Public Comment on Energy Information
  6.     Questions from the Committee
- 3:30p.m.           **Introduction to USB -- Statutory Duties -- Tab 7**
1.     Introduction and Numbers -- Mr. Graff
  2.     Public Comment
  3.     Questions from the Committee
  4.     Instructions to Staff
- 4:00 p.m.           **Adoption of Work Plan Options**
- 4:45 p.m.           **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

5:00 p.m.

**Other Business/Instructions to Staff -- Tabs 8 and 10**

1. Adoption of Calendar
2. Review of September Meeting Items

5:15 p.m.

**Adjourn**

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