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Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Zoom Videoconference 1:00 p.m., May 21, 2020

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

1:00 p.m. **Call to order**

1:05 p.m. **Public Service Commission Study**

1. Introduction – Mr. Graff
2. States' Structures: Advocacy Staff – Mr. Graff
3. Montana Consumer Counsel Perspectives – Robert Nelson
4. Public Comment
5. Questions from the Committee
6. Committee Action, if any

2:00 p.m. **Utility sector COVID-19 updates**

1. NorthWestern Energy – Brian Bird, CFO
2. Montana Dakota Utilities – Cory Fong, Director of Communications & Public Affairs
3. Montana Electric Cooperatives – Gary Wiens, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association CEO; Mark Johnson, Flathead Electric Cooperative Manager; Gretchen Boardman, Big Flat Electric Cooperative Manager
4. Montana Telecommunications Association – Geoff Feiss, General Manager
5. Public Comment
6. Questions from the Committee
7. 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

3:30 p.m.

PSC Update

1. PSC -- Chairman Brad Johnson
2. Public Comment
3. Questions from the Committee
4. Committee action, if any

4:30 p.m.

Public Comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

4:35 p.m.

Committee Work Session

1. Review of Work Plan
2. Review of Schedule
3. Directions to Staff
4. July Meeting Items

5 p.m.

Adjourn

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