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Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee State Capitol, Room 172 9:00 a.m., Monday, September 23

DRAFT AGENDA

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 9:00 a.m. **NorthWestern Energy Supply Plan Update**
1. Introduction -- Mr. Graff
 2. Benjamin Fitch-Fleischmann – NorthWestern Energy manager of electricity supply planning
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions from the Committee
- 9:45 a.m. **HJ 12: Transmission Infrastructure Study (Tab 3)**
1. Introduction – Mr. Graff
 2. Montana Renewables Development Action Plan review
 - a. Mark Reller, BPA Montana liaison
 - b. Mike Cashell, NorthWestern Energy VP of Transmission
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions from the Committee
 5. Committee action, if any
- 11:00 a.m. **Montana Energy Law Guide**
1. Update – Mr. Graff
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions
 4. Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m. **Montana Climate Solutions Council Update (Tab 4)**
1. Introduction – Mr. Graff
 2. Patrick Holmes, Montana Governor's Office
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions from the Committee

4. Committee action, if any

11:45 a.m.

Administrative Rule Review (Tab 7)

1. Introduction -- Mr. Walker
2. Questions from Committee
3. Public Comment
4. Committee action, if any

12:00 p.m.

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1:00 p.m.

PSC Update

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

1:45 p.m.

Environmental Quality Council Update -- Mr. Kolman

2:00 p.m.

Public Service Commission Study (Tab 5)

1. Introduction – Mr. Graff
2. Commission Structures Overview – Mr. Graff
3. Public Comment
4. Questions from the Committee
5. Committee Action, if any

2:30 p.m.

Introduction to HB 715 Montana's Changing Economy (Tab 6)

1. Quinn Holzer, Legislative Fiscal Division
2. Questions from the Committee

3:15 p.m.

Adoption of Work Plan Options (Tab 2)

4:15 p.m.

Public Comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

4:30 p.m.

Other Business/Instructions to Staff

1. Review of Committee Budget
2. Review of January Meeting Items

4:45 p.m.

Adjourn

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