



# Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee State Capitol, Room 137 9:00 a.m., Thursday, September 23

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**

9:05 a.m. **Administrative Matters**

1. ETIC Final Work Plan – Mr. Graff
  - a. Discussion of Study Options and Tours
  - b. Public Comment

10:00 a.m. **SJ 33 Montana's Grid Capacity: Energy Markets & RTOs in the West**

1. Western Energy Market Overview – Mr. Graff
2. RTO & Energy Markets Panel
  - Renewable Northwest
    - Robin Arnold, Markets & Transmission Director
  - Southwest Power Pool
    - Mike Ross, senior vice president government affairs
    - Kara Fornstrom, state regulatory policy director
  - Northwest Power Pool Resource Adequacy Program
    - Rebecca Sexton
  - CAISO Western Imbalance Market
    - Stacey Crowley, VP of external affairs
  - NorthWestern Energy
3. Public Comment
4. Questions from the Committee

11:30 a.m. **ARPA Broadband Commission Update**

1. Commission update – Misty Ann Giles, director Montana Department of Administration
2. Public Comment
3. Questions from the Committee

- 11:50 a.m.            **Environmental Quality Council Update** -- Mr. Kolman
- 12:00 p.m.            **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m.            **SJ 3: Advanced Nuclear Reactors**
1.     Introduction and study overview – Mr. Graff
  2.     Public Comment
  3.     Questions from the Committee
  4.     Instructions to Staff
- 2:00 p.m.            **Public Service Commission Overview**
1.     Introduction – Mr. Graff
  2.     Commission Update – James Brown, PSC chairman
  3.     Public Comment
  4.     Questions from the Committee
  5.     Committee action, if any
- 3:00 p.m.            **Consumer Counsel Overview**
1.     Introduction – Mr. Graff
  2.     Counsel Update – Jason Brown, Acting Consumer Counsel
  3.     Public Comment
  4.     Questions from the Committee
  5.     Committee action, if any
- 3:30 p.m.            **Administrative Rule Review**
1.     Introduction -- Mr. Walker
  2.     Questions from Committee
  3.     Public Comment
  4.     Committee action, if any
- 4:00 p.m.            **Final Adoption of Work Plan Options**
- 4:30 p.m.            **Other Business/Instructions to Staff**
1.     Adoption of Calendar
  2.     Review of January Meeting Items
- 4:45 p.m.            **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 5 p.m.                **Adjourn**

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