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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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