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Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee State Capitol, Room 152 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 19-20

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 9:05 a.m. **SJ 33: Renewables and Storage Overview**
1. Introduction and study overview – Mr. Graff
 2. Technology
 - a. Rachel Wilson, Form Energy Manager of Strategy & Market Development Analytics
 3. Utility Perspectives
 - a. Steve Schmitt, NorthWestern Energy
 - b. Brandon Wittman, Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative
 4. Public Comment
 5. Questions from the Committee
 6. Instructions to Staff
- 10:30 a.m. **SJ 33: Advanced Meter Technology Overview**
1. Introduction and study overview – Mr. Graff
 2. Chris Villarreal, President Plugged In Strategies
 3. NorthWestern Rollout Plan
 4. Public Comment
 5. Questions from the Committee
 6. Instructions to Staff
- 11:30 a.m. **Idaho National Labs Trip Overview**
1. Overview – Trevor Graff
 2. Public Comment

3. Questions from the committee
4. Committee action, if any

12:00 p.m.

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1:00 p.m.

Talen Bankruptcy Remediation Impacts

1. Nick Whitaker, Staff Attorney Montana Department of Environmental Quality
2. Debra L. Raggio, Senior Vice President, Regulatory & External Affairs Counsel Talen Energy
3. Public Comment
4. Questions from the Committee

2:00 p.m.

SJ 33: Energy Efficiency Standards

1. Introduction and study overview -- Mr. Graff
2. Diego Rivas, Senior Policy Associate, NW Energy Coalition
3. Weston Berg, Senior Researcher, State Policy, American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy
4. Public Comment
5. Questions from the Committee

3:30 p.m.

Call Before You Dig Update

1. Introduction – Mr. Graff
2. Eric Copeland -- Bureau Chief, Building Codes Bureau, DOLI
3. Public Comment
4. Questions from the committee
5. Committee action, if any

4:00 p.m.

Public Comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

4:15 p.m.

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9:00 a.m.

Call to Order

9:05 a.m.

High-Performance Building Program Update (17-7-214, MCA) (Tab 8)

1. Overview -- Russ Katherman, Department of Administration
2. Public Comment
3. Questions from the committee
4. Direction to staff on continued reporting

5. Committee action, if any

9:30 a.m.

SJ 3: Nuclear Energy Costs and Financing

1. Introduction and Study Overview – Mr. Graff
2. Dr. Mark Cooper, University of Vermont Law School
3. David Schlissel, Director of Resource Planning Analysis, Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis
4. Rusty Cannon, President Utah Taxpayer's Association
5. Matt Crozat, Executive Director of Strategy and Policy Development, Nuclear Energy Institute
6. Ed Davis, Pegasus Group
7. Public Comment
8. Questions from the committee
9. Committee action, if any

11:00 a.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

12:00 p.m.

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1:05 p.m.

Environmental Quality Council Update -- Mr. Kolman

1:15 p.m.

SJ 33: Future Load Growth Impacts

1. Introduction and Study Overview – Mr. Graff
2. Brian Dekiep, Energy Analyst Northwest Power and Conservation Council
3. Doug Hardy, Montana Rural Electric Cooperatives
4. NorthWestern Energy
5. Public Comment
6. Questions from the committee
7. Committee action, if any

2:45 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.

Public Comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

3:45 p.m.

Other Business/Instructions to Staff

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

4:15 p.m.

Adjourn

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