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AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 9:30 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 9:35 a.m. **HJ 6: Power Reserve Study Update**
1. Introduction
 2. Mark Lambrecht, Montana Rural Electric Cooperatives
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions from the Committee
 5. Instructions to Staff
- 10 a.m. **Energy Regionalization: Montana Utility Energy Contracts**
1. Introduction
 2. Joe Stimatz, NorthWestern Energy
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions from the Committee
- 11 a.m. **Geothermal Research Update (90-3-1301, MCA)**
1. Introduction
 2. John Metesh, State Geologist
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions from the Committee
- 11:45 a.m. **Environmental Quality Council Update**
1. Mr. Mohr
- 12 p.m. **LUNCH**

- 1 p.m. **Transmission Line Treatment and Wildfire Liability**
1. Introduction
 2. Zev Hunting, energy/broadband coordinator, Northern Region, U.S. Forest Service
 3. Northwestern Energy
 4. Public Comment
 5. Questions from the Committee
 6. Committee action, if any
- 2:30 p.m. **Public Service Commission Overview**
1. Introduction
 2. Commission Update – Jennifer Fielder, PSC vice president
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions from the Committee
- 3:30 p.m. **Railway Inspection Bill Draft**
1. Overview
 2. Questions from Committee
 3. Public Comment
 4. Committee action, if any
- 4:30 p.m. **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 4:45 p.m. **Other Business/Instructions to Staff**
1. Committee action, if any
- 5 p.m. **Adjourn**

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