



# Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee State Capitol, Room 172 May 22

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 9:00 a.m.                    **Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 9:05 a.m.                    **Universal Systems Benefit (USB) 2023 Reports- Statutory Requirement**
1. Overview
  2. Public Comment
  3. Questions from the Committee
- 9:30 a.m.                    **Wildfire Liability Statutory Considerations**
1. Introduction
  2. Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division
  3. Public Comment
  4. Questions from the Committee
- 10:00 a.m.                    **HJ6: Power Reserve Study**
1. Introduction
  2. Mark Lambrecht, Montana Electric Cooperatives
  3. Chris Puyear, Northwestern Energy
  3. Public Comment
  4. Questions from the Committee
  5. Instructions to staff, if any
- 10:30 a.m.                    **Break**
- 10:45 a.m.                    **Energy Regionalization: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Day Ahead Markets**
1. Introduction
  2. BPA Day-Ahead Market Participation, Kate Wilson & Russ Mantifel, BPA
  3. Public Comment
  4. Questions from the Committee

- 11:30 a.m.           **Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m.           **Special Select Committee on Energy Resource Planning and Acquisition Update:**
1. Introduction
  2. PD0011- Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division & Senator Daniel Zolnikov
  3. Public Comment
  4. Questions from the Committee
  5. Committee action, if any
- 1:15 p.m.           **Public Service Commission Overview**
1. Introduction
  2. Commission Update- Trevor Graff, Public Service Commission
  3. Public Comment
  4. Questions from the Committee
- 2:00 p.m.           **Break**
- 2:15 p.m.           **Transmission and the New Energy Economy**
1. Overview
  2. RMI's States in Sync- Transmission's Economic Benefits Study- Tyler Farrell, RMI
  3. Renewable Northwest- Montana's Place in the New Energy Economy - Kyle Unruh, Renewable Northwest
  4. Public Comment
  5. Questions from the Committee
- 3:45 p.m.           **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 4:00 p.m.           **Work Session/Instructions to Staff**
1. Committee action, if any
- 4:30 p.m.           **Adjourn**

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