



# Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee State Capitol, Room 137 8:00 a.m., Thursday, September 28

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

8:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**

8:05 a.m. **Administrative Matters**

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

8:30 a.m. **HJ 6: Power Reserve Study**

1. Introduction and study overview – Mr. Graff
2. Jean Schafer, Basin Electric Power Cooperative
3. Montana Rural Electric Cooperatives
4. Northwestern Energy
5. Public Comment
6. Questions from the Committee
7. Instructions to Staff

10:00 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

11:00 a.m. **Montana Mobile Phone Providers Update**

1. Introduction – Mr. Graff
2. Verizon Wireless
3. Public Comment
4. Questions from the Committee

11:45 a.m. **Environmental Quality Council Update**

12:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00 p.m.	<b>Energy 101: Montana Energy Basics</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview – Mr. Graff</li> <li>2. Public Comment</li> <li>3. Questions from the Committee</li> </ol>
2:00 p.m.	<b>Energy Regionalization: Energy Markets &amp; RTOs in the West</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Western Energy Market Overview – Mr. Graff</li> <li>2. RTO &amp; Energy Markets Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southwest Power Pool</li> <li>• Western Power Pool Western Resource Adequacy Program</li> <li>• CAISO Western Imbalance Market</li> <li>• NorthWestern Energy</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Public Comment</li> <li>4. Questions from the Committee</li> </ol>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Communication Advisory Commission Update</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Commission update – Misty Ann Giles, director Montana Department of Administration</li> <li>2. Public Comment</li> <li>3. Questions from the Committee</li> </ol>
4:30 p.m.	<b>Administrative Rule Review</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction -- Mr. Walker</li> <li>2. Questions from Committee</li> <li>3. Public Comment</li> <li>4. Committee action, if any</li> </ol>
4:45 p.m.	<b>Railway Inspection Draft Language</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction -- Mr. Graff</li> <li>2. Questions from Committee</li> <li>3. Public Comment</li> <li>4. Committee action, if any</li> </ol>
5:00 p.m.	<b>Final Adoption of Work Plan Options</b>
5:15 p.m.	<b>Other Business/Instructions to Staff</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adoption of Calendar</li> <li>2. Review of January Meeting Items</li> </ol>
5:20 p.m.	<b>Public Comment</b> on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
5:30 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>

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