



SELECT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESOURCE PLANNING AND ACQUISITION

68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Robin Arnold, Public Member
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Cyndee Fang, Public Member
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Jess Melin, Public Member
Darcy Neigum, Public Member
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
James Brown, Public Member
Jason Brown, Public Member

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Trevor Graff, Research Analyst

Jameson Walker, Attorney
Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

AGENDA (Attachment 1)

VISITORS' LIST (Attachment 2)

COMMITTEE ACTION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

09:01:33 Daniel Zolnikov-R called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

09:03:15 Jason Brown, Montana Consumer Council
09:03:53 Rep. Parry
09:04:11 Robin Arnold, Renewable Northwest
09:04:32 James Brown, President, Public Service Commission (PSC)
09:04:58 Cyndee Fang, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Northwestern Energy
09:05:17 Darcy Neigum, Montana Dakota Utilities
09:05:37 Sen. Hayman
09:06:10 Jess Melin, NextEra Energy Resources, Independent Power Producers (IPP)
09:06:55 Rep. Sullivan
09:07:10 Sen. Cuffe
09:08:52 Rep. Kassmier
09:09:20 Presiding Officer Zolnikov
09:09:57 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division, Attorney
09:10:17 Trevor Graff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
09:10:34 Jacelyn Sterling, Committee Secretary
09:11:39 Trevor Graff, LSD

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES

09:14:14 Trevor Graff
09:19:47 Presiding Officer Zolnikov
09:20:13 Rep. Parry Moved to Accept the Proposed Rules.

Vote:

09:20:13 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

Election of Vice Presiding Chair

09:21:21 Presiding Officer Zolnikov Nominated Rep. Sullivan as Vice Chair.
09:22:53 Denise Hayman

Vote:

09:23:10 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

Introduction and Review of Work Plan

09:28:52 Rep. Parry

09:29:25 Sen. Cuffe
09:29:52 Trevor Graff, LSD
09:30:38 Sen. Cuffe
09:31:08 Sen. Hayman
09:32:08 Trevor Graff, LSD
09:34:36 James Brown, PSC
09:34:58 Trevor Graff, LSD
09:37:18 Chair Zolnikov
09:38:28 Sen. Hayman
09:38:47 Trevor Graff, LSD
09:40:01 Sen. Cuffe
09:41:07 Chair Zolnikov
09:41:36 Trevor Graff, LSD

Public Comment

09:42:20 Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division Administrator, Public Service Commission
09:42:47 Ben Brouwer, Energy Bureau Chief, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
09:43:03 Lucas Hamilton, Chief Legal Counsel, Public Service Commission

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:43:36