



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)
James Brown, Public Member
Jason Brown, Public Member
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Cyndee Fang, Public Member
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)
Mark Klein, Public Member
Darcy Neigum, Public Member
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Diego Rivas, Public Member
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Trevor Graff, Research Analyst

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary
Jameson Walker, Attorney

AGENDA (Attachment 1)

VISITORS' LIST (Attachment 2)

COMMITTEE ACTION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

09:03:57 Daniel Zolnikov-R called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

Committee Member Introductions

09:05:27 Mark Klein, representing Montana independent power producers

09:08:55 Diego Rivas, North West Energy Coalition

09:10:05 Presiding Officer Zolnikov

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

09:10:52 Trevor Graff

09:12:46 Jason Brown joined the meeting.

09:16:32 Presiding Officer Zolnikov

INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING IN MONTANA

09:18:39 Haley Gobert, PSC

Public Comment

09:26:15 Ben Brower, DEQ

Committee Questions, Discussion

09:27:50 Sen. Cuffe to Presiding Officer Zolnikov

09:32:47 Sen. Cuffe to James Brown

09:35:27 Presiding Officer Zolnikov

09:39:05 Trevor Graff

AVISTA UTILITIES INTGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING SIMULATION

10:43:04 James Gall, IRP Manger, AVISTA

10:43:17 Presiding Officer Zolnikov

10:43:58 Recessed

10:55:00 Reconvened

AVISTA UTILITIES INTGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING SIMULATION

10:58:58 Paul Kimmel, AVISTA

Recess for Lunch 12:13 P

Reconvened 1:19 PM

ARNE OLSON, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS (E3)

13:19:44 Arne Olson presenting and responding to committee.

Public Comment

14:41:35 Anne Hedges, MEIC
14:42:29 Tony O'Donnell, Public Service Commission
14:44:35 Arne Olson responding to public comment
14:47:57 Rep. Paul Fielder HD 13

Committee Discussion, Questions

14:51:58 Sen. Cuffe
14:55:37 Presiding Officer Zolnikov
14:56:44 Recessed
15:11:53 Reconvened

FORMULATION OF POTENTIAL FINDINGS AND POLICY TARGETS

15:12:07 Trevor Graff
15:15:38 Energy Resource Planning and Acquisitions IRP priorities and concerns discussion. Directional layout for the committee to work towards for 2025 session legislation.

Public Comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the committee.

16:37:58 Kris Puyear, NorthWestern Energy
16:42:04 Trevor Graff summarizing the committee's discussion and finding on IRP and RFP processes and improvements, moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:59:45