

## **Report and Bills of the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Available for Public Comment**

The Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC) has a draft report and several draft bills readied for public comment. These materials are available for viewing from July 25 until August 22. **The public can access these materials** either by e-mailing ETIC staff Casey Barrs, (406) 444-3957, at [cbarrs@mt.gov](mailto:cbarrs@mt.gov), or by entering the ETIC's website at:

[http://leg.state.mt.us:88/css/committees/interim/2005\\_2006/energy\\_telecom](http://leg.state.mt.us:88/css/committees/interim/2005_2006/energy_telecom)  
(Under "Committee Activities" see "Assigned Studies / SJR 36" and "Legislation".)

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### **The ETIC materials are as follows:**

- LC-0038: State Transmission Authority  
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- LC-0039 (formerly LC-4144): Revision of Telecommunication Laws  
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- LC-0089: CO<sub>2</sub> Equipment property tax exemption  
An act providing a property tax exemption for equipment required to capture, reuse, or sequester carbon  
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- LC-0090: CO<sub>2</sub> Common carrier status

An act providing common carrier status to pipelines moving carbon dioxide; extending the right of eminent domain to underground reservoirs suitable for storing carbon dioxide; amending sections 69-13-101, 69-13-102, and 70-30-102, MCA

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- LC-0170 (formerly LC-0037): Reform of Deregulation Laws

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- LC- 0188: Enhanced wireless 9-1-1

An act authorizing a wireless enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone system and providing for its administration; providing for funding of the system by levying a wireless enhanced 9-1-1 fee; establishing accounts for the deposit of fees collected; providing for distribution of the fees collected; defining eligibility criteria for wireless cost recovery; amending sections 10-4-101, 10-4-102, 10-4-114, 10-4-201, and 10-4-301, MCA; and providing an effective date; and providing an effective date

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- SJR 36 White Paper on Distributed Energy Generation

The Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee was assigned the Joint Resolution 36 requesting study of the appropriateness of distributed energy generation for Montana. It was directed to explore any technical, market, and regulatory challenges to developing distributed generation that might exist and to inform the Legislature how these barriers might be overcome. After discussing an overview of these subjects, the ETIC requested further attention to safety and interconnection issues, and to the experiences of other states with distributed energy generation in. The findings are presented in this draft White Paper

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