



## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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### State Capitol, Room 172

### 8:00 a.m., Thursday, September 24

#### AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 8:00 a.m.                    **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Chair Driscoll
- 8:05 a.m.                    **Update on NCSL/PNWER Idaho workshop**  
1. Chair Driscoll
- 8:30 a.m.                    **Energy Policy: "Maximizing state land use for energy generation"**  
1.     Monte Mason -- DNRC  
       **Coal, oil and gas**  
2.     Angela Farr -- DNRC  
       **Biomass**  
3.     Mike Sullivan -- DNRC  
       **Wind**  
4.     MDU, NorthWestern, Montana Electric Cooperatives  
5.     Public Comment  
6.     ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 10:00 a.m.                   **Break**
- 10:15 a.m.                   **Energy Policy: "Rebuilding and extending transmission lines"**  
1.     Tom Ring -- DEQ  
2.     Tom Kaiserski -- Energy Development Division  
3.     John Van't Hof -- Tonbridge Power  
4.     Marie Garrison and Linda Rogers -- Move MSTI  
5.     NorthWestern, MDU, Montana Electric Cooperatives  
6.     Public Comment  
7.     ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 12:00 p.m.                   **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m.                    **Agency Overview Presentation** -- PSC Chairman Greg Jeregeson
- 1:30 p.m.                    **Energy Policy: "Integrating wind energy"**  
1.     Bill Alexander -- Naturener  
2.     Ted Williams -- Gaelectric  
3.     Bill Pascoe -- Small Wind Industry

4. Montana Electric Cooperatives, NorthWestern, MDU
5. Public Comment
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3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:15 p.m. **Qualifying Facilities**

1. Commissioner Greg Jergeson -- PSC
2. Suzanne Bessette -- QF's
3. John Hines -- NorthWestern
4. Public Comment
5. ETIC Questions and Discussion

4:15 p.m. **Other Business**

1. Administrative rules -- Mr. Everts
2. Adoption of Final Work Plan -- Ms. Nowakowski
3. Review of November Energy Policy issues -- Ms. Nowakowski
4. Instructions to Staff

4:30 p.m. **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

*If you plan to attend this meeting and will need services or accommodations, please contact Sonja Nowakowski (406-444-3078 or [snowakowski@mt.gov](mailto:snowakowski@mt.gov)) at least 5 working days before the meeting.*

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