

**2009-10 Draft Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Work Plan Decision Matrix**

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<b>The following are the ETIC's statutory duties.</b>						
<b>Revise State Energy Policy</b>	Statute	<p><b>0.75 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Develop list of interested persons, including public and state agencies to assist.</li> <li>✓ Provide background reports on nine topics outlined, including review of existing state law in subject areas.</li> <li>✓ Analyze potential policy statements and use of energy policy in Montana.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Extensive energy policy, addressing nine specific policy areas.</li> <li>✓ Issue papers on nine policy areas reviewed by committee.</li> <li>✓ ETIC energy policy legislation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>0.60 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Develop list of interested persons, including public and state agencies to assist.</li> <li>✓ Provide background reports on nine topics outlined, including review of existing state law in subject areas.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Summary energy policy, addressing nine specific policy areas.</li> <li>✓ Briefs on nine policy areas reviewed by committee.</li> <li>✓ ETIC energy policy legislation.</li> </ul>			
<b>Review Administrative Rules</b>	Statute		<p><b>.03 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Staff provides copies of notices for adoption of rules.</li> <li>✓ Committee requests that it be copied on notification letters that the PSC or DPSR send to legislators who were sponsors of laws the agency is promulgating rules for.</li> <li>✓ Attorney monitors and provides synopses of proposed rules.</li> </ul>	<p><b>.02 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Staff provides copies of notices for adoption of rules.</li> <li>✓ Committee requests that it be copied on notification letters that the PSC or DPSR send to legislators who were sponsors of laws the agency is promulgating rules for.</li> </ul>		
<b>Review agency legislation</b>	Statute		<p><b>.005 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Committee reviews proposals from DPSR and PSC and decides if staff should draft legislation for preintroduction.</li> </ul>			
<b>Monitor PSC activity</b>	Statute	<p><b>.03FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Monitor or investigate aspects of PSC programs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>.01 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Monitor or investigate aspects of a program, if and when committee so chooses.</li> </ul>			
<b>Review utility USBP reports</b>	Statute		<p><b>.02 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Committee reviews utility reports and decides if any comments on compliance are needed and if staff should assist.</li> </ul>			
<b>Review Geothermal Research</b>	Statute		<p><b>0.005 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Committee reviews Bureau of Mines and Geology reports and decides if any comments are needed and if staff should assist.</li> </ul>			

**The following topics are optional and it is up to ETIC committee members whether to pursue them.**

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<b>Review federal climate change programs</b>	Sen. Black	<p><b>.3 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ All of Option B</li> <li>✓ Coordinate review/public comment on Montana's potential participation in a federal program.</li> <li>✓ Evaluate various greenhouse gas reporting and reduction models, including a review of other Western state's efforts in these areas.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Potential legislation</li> <li>✓ Final report with recommendations and alternatives</li> </ul>	<p><b>.15 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ All of Option C</li> <li>✓ Overview of Montana-specific issues and impacts related to potential federal greenhouse gas reduction programs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Potential legislation</li> <li>✓ White paper</li> </ul>	<p><b>.05 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Track proposed and potential federal greenhouse gas reduction programs</li> <li>✓ Panel discussion from utility industry, greenhouse gas reduction program specialists, and state agency personnel currently tracking and participating in federal policy development.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Potential legislation</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>	
<b>Track transmission development</b>	Sen. Black		<p><b>.10 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ All of Option B.</li> <li>✓ Review permitting requirements for transmission.</li> <li>✓ Identify use of incentives for transmission.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Staff white paper</li> <li>✓ Potential legislation</li> </ul>	<p><b>.02 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Track transmission line development in Montana</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Potential legislation</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>	
<b>Monitor implementation of SB 498</b>	Sen. Erickson		<p><b>.05 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ All of Option B</li> <li>✓ Review federal and other efforts related to sequestration.</li> <li>✓ Identify updates or changes needed for SB 498 implementation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Staff white paper</li> <li>✓ Potential legislation</li> </ul>	<p><b>.02 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Track implementation of S.B. 498.</li> <li>✓ Discuss BOG composition.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Potential legislation</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>	
<b>Climate Change Study -- Energy Supply</b>	Rep. Driscoll	<p><b>.12 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Review statutes, regulations, publications related to distributed energy generation, renewable energy, and greater efficiency in existing energy systems.</li> <li>✓ Examine national efforts to address distributed energy and renewable generation.</li> <li>✓ Review proposals in the West related to renewables, efficiency and distributed energy.</li> <li>✓ Panel discussions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Interim report</li> <li>✓ Legislation</li> </ul>	<p><b>.05 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Review MCCAC recommendations related to Energy Supply and supporting documentation with a focus on potential legislation to implement recommendations.</li> <li>✓ Panel discussions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ White paper.</li> <li>✓ Legislation</li> </ul>	<p><b>.02 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Provide overview of the current implementation of MCCAC recommendations focused on Energy Supply.</li> <li>✓ Panel discussion.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Legislation</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>	

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Revise ETIC Publications	Historic precedence	.10 FTE ✓ Complete overhaul of both <i>The Electricity Law Handbook</i> and <i>Understanding Electricity in Montana</i> .  ✓ ETIC reviews and approves updates.	.03 FTE ✓ All of Option C  ✓ Provide minimal updates to <i>The Electricity Law Handbook</i> .  ✓ ETIC reviews and approves updates.	.02 FTE ✓ Authorize staff to work with DEQ to update <i>Understanding Electricity in Montana</i> .  ✓ ETIC reviews and approves updates.	No Action	
<b>Total Available Resources</b>						<u>.85</u>

**FTE Available to ETIC**

1 FTE = roughly 15 months = 2,595 hours

.85 FTE = 2,208 hours = 276 days

.75 FTE = 1,952 hrs = 244 days

.50 FTE = 1,299 hrs = 162 days

.25 FTE = 648 hrs = 81 days

.05 FTE = 128 hrs = 16 days