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Kiwanis Youth Center, Harlowton

207 Third Street N.E.

Thursday & Friday, September 12-13

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

**** All tour attendees must be confirmed in advance of the meeting. ****

Thursday, September 12

- 9:30 a.m. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Chairman Larsen
- 9:35 a.m. **Welcome to Wheatland County**
[Wheatland County Commission](#)
- 9:45 a.m. **Depart for Judith Gap Wind Farm/Energy Center**
1030 U.S. Highway 191 North
- 10:15 a.m. **"Introduction to Invenergy and Renewables in Montana"** Brian Goddard, site manager
- 10:30 a.m. **Tour** (Limited. Committee members, staff, and confirmed attendees.)
- 11:45 a.m. **Return to Harlowton**
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch provided to committee members at Sportsman's Bar**
11 U.S. Highway 191 North
- 1:15 p.m. **Return to Youth Center**
Welcome
Former Representative and Former ETIC Chairman Harry Klock
- 1:30 p.m. **RPS Panel Discussion Economic Impacts -- Developers Perspective**
1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
 2. [Invenergy](#) -- Brian Goddard and Katie McClain
 3. NorthWestern Energy -- John Bushnell
 4. [Diamond Willow](#) -- Montana-Dakota Utilities, Darcy Neigum
 5. Public Comment
 6. ETIC Questions

2:30 p.m. **RPS Panel Discussion Economic Impacts -- Community Perspective**
1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Jeff Sell -- Business Owner, Harlowton Mayor
3. Frank Hutton -- Business Representative
4. Tom Bennett -- Business Owner, Wheatland County Commission
5. Public Comment
6. ETIC Questions
7. Directions to staff

3:15 p.m. **Break**

3:30 p.m. **Green Schools Panel Discussion**
1. Introduction -- Senator Driscoll
2. [Rich Whitney](#) -- CTA
3. Green Stone Consulting
4. Brittany Lynch -- NCAT
5. Public Comment
6. ETIC Questions
7. Directions to staff

4:15 p.m. **Administrative Business**
1. Approve June Meeting Minutes -- ETIC
2. Final Work Plan Adoption -- Ms. Nowakowski
3. RPS Survey -- Ms. Nowakowski

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

5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, September 13

8:00 a.m. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Chairman Larsen

8:05 a.m. **Depart for Two Dot Wind Farm**
 Two Dot Post Office

8:45 a.m. **"Introduction to Qualifying Facilities"** David Healow, Two Dot LLC and
 NorthWestern Energy, John Bushnell

9:00 a.m. **Tour** (Limited. Committee members, staff, and confirmed attendees.)

9:45 a.m. **Depart for Gordon Butte**
 45 John Sears Road

10:45 a.m. **"Introduction to CREPs"** Bryan Rogan, Oversight Resources LLC

11:00 a.m. **Tour** (Limited. Committee members, staff, and confirmed attendees.)

12:15 p.m. **Lunch provided to committee members at Crazy Mountain Inn**

110 Main Street, Martinsdale

- 1:30 p.m. **Return to Youth Center**
- 2:00 p.m. **Public Service Commission -- Agency Oversight**
1. Overview and Update -- PSC Commissioner
 2. Public Comment
 3. ETIC Questions
 4. Committee action, if necessary
- 2:30 p.m. **Administrative Rule Update and Review of [QF Economic Impact Statement](#)**
1. [Introduction](#) -- Mr. Everts
 2. [QF EIS](#) -- PSC Commissioner or staff
 3. Public Comment
 4. ETIC Questions
 5. Committee Action
- 3:00 p.m. **PSC Broadband Survey Update**
1. [Gary Duncan](#) -- Public Service Commission
 2. Public Comment
 3. ETIC Questions
 4. Committee action, if necessary
- 3:30 p.m. **Interoperability Update**
1. [Warren Dupuis and Quinn Ness](#) - ITSD
 2. Public Comment
 3. ETIC Questions
 4. Committee action, if necessary
- 4:00 p.m. **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 4:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

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