

**2015-16 Draft Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee
Work Plan Decision Matrix**

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The following studies were assigned to the ETIC by Legislative Council.						
Study Net Metering	SJ 12	<p>.6 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Option B ◦ Expand analysis to include various sized systems ◦ Review methods used in other states for valuing net metering ◦ Visit sites ◦ Quantify Montana specific costs and benefits with analysis of avoided energy purchases, cost shifts, transmission and distribution matters, and business impacts <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Interim report ◦ Legislation 	<p>.4 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Option C ◦ Multiple panel discussions from stakeholders ◦ Analysis of impacts to utility operations, operating costs and supply resource impacts ◦ Limited review of system stability issues and safety issues ◦ Analysis of subsidies, economic development impacts <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ White paper ◦ Legislation 	<p>.2 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Panel discussion with utilities, cooperatives, and net metering industry ◦ Engage stakeholders in analysis and information gathering ◦ Summary of costs and benefits based on panel discussion <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Summary of costs and benefits ◦ Legislation 	No Action	
Study Next-Generation 9-1-1	HJ 7		<p>.15 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Option C ◦ Evaluate next-generation 9-1-1 programs and efforts in neighboring Western states ◦ Analysis of options to further the implementation and operation of next-generation 9-1-1 in Montana <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ White paper ◦ Legislation 	<p>.05 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Review how Montana is implementing and promoting next-generation 9-1-1 ◦ Assess state and federal regulatory framework ◦ Panel with stakeholders <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Summary ◦ Legislation 	No Action	
Study Ridesharing in Montana	HJ 16		<p>.025 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Option C ◦ Evaluate ridesharing laws in neighboring Western states ◦ Analysis of options to further refine Montana's ridesharing laws <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ White paper ◦ Legislation 	<p>.002 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Receive updates from the PSC on implementation of SB 396 ◦ Panel with stakeholders to solicit suggestions for further changes in law <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Legislation 		
The following are the ETIC's statutory duties						
Review state energy policy	Statute		<p>0.25 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ In-depth review of energy policy and changes to policy ◦ Involve public and agencies in reviewing specific aspects of energy policy <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Report ◦ Potential legislation 	<p>0.002 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Review existing energy policy as required by statute. Provide for public input on policy <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Summary of public comment received and of ETIC discussion 		

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Review administrative rules	Statute		<p>0.03 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Staff provides ETIC copies of notices for the adoption of rules on all ETIC subjects (Members to inform staff or Chair if they want more information) ◦ Committee requests it be copied on notification letters that the DPSR and/or PSC is sending to legislators who were primary sponsors of laws that the agency is now promulgating rules for ◦ Committee attorney monitors and provides synopses of rules or subjects 	<p>0.02 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Staff provides ETIC copies of notices for the adoption of rules on certain ETIC subjects (Members to inform staff or Chair if they want more information) ◦ Committee requests that it be copied on notification letters that the DPSR and/or PSC is sending to legislators who were primary sponsors of laws that the agency is now promulgating rules for 		
Review agency legislation	Statute		<p>0.005 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Committee reviews proposals from the DSPR and/or PSC and decides if staff should draft legislation for preintroduction 			
Monitor PSC activities	Statute	<p>0.05 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Monitor or investigate aspects of PSC programs 	<p>0.03 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Monitor or investigate aspects of a program, if and when ETIC chooses 			
Review utility USB reports	Statute	<p>1 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ All of Option B. ◦ Analysis of USB program ◦ Panel discussions <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Potential legislation ◦ Final report with alternatives and recommendations 	<p>0.03 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Committee reviews utility reports and decides if any comments on compliance are needed and if staff should assist ◦ Collect public comment <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Potential legislation 			
Review REC reports	Statute		<p>0.002 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Committee reviews renewable energy credit reports and decides if changes should be proposed to 2017 Legislature 			
Review geothermal research	Statute		<p>0.002 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Committee reviews Bureau of Mines and Geology reports and determines if comments are needed or if staff should assist 			
Review Hydroelectric Projects	Statute		<p>0.002 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Committee reviews DNRC reports and determines if comments are needed or if staff should assist 			
Review High-Performance Building Program	Statute		<p>0.002 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Committee reviews DOA reports related to the use of high-performance buildings 			

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The following topics are <u>optional</u> and it is up to ETIC committee members whether to pursue them as studies or as potential agenda items.						
Revise ETIC publications	Historic precedence	.25 FTE ◦ Complete overhaul of both <i>The Citizens Guide to Energy Law</i> and <i>Understanding Electricity in Montana</i> ◦ ETIC reviews and approves updates	.1 FTE ◦ Minimal updates to <i>The Citizens Guide</i> ◦ Update statistics, with DEQ assistance in <i>Understanding Electricity in Montana</i> ◦ ETIC reviews and approves updates	.02 FTE ◦ Minimal updates to <i>The Citizens Guide</i> ◦ Link to DEQ's updated statistics to <i>Understanding Electricity in Montana</i> ◦ ETIC reviews and approves updates		
Colstrip/1111d Issues			.1 FTE ◦ Option C ◦ Committee discussion of EPA proposals and legislation in other states ◦ Update and overview from DEQ Deliverables: ◦ White paper ◦ Legislation	.002 FTE ◦ Receive updates at each meeting from subcommittee members ◦ Summary of subcommittee findings and recommendations Deliverables: ◦ Summary ◦ Legislation		
Programmatic Review	Expanded Duties	.2-Avail FTE ◦ Option B ◦ Multiple staff reports on subject ◦ Multiple agency presentations ◦ In-depth review of subject ◦ Possible subcommittee effort Deliverables: ◦ White paper ◦ Legislation	.06-.02 FTE ◦ Option C ◦ History and overview of applicable statutes ◦ Staff interviews with program personnel ◦ Staff summaries of related audit and fiscal work and any court decisions ◦ Additional staff research ◦ Legal review of specific subjects ◦ Multiple regulated community panels Deliverables: ◦ Staff report ◦ Legislation	.02-.06 FTE ◦ (See attached document) ◦ Staff summary of program ◦ Agency presentation ◦ Bibliography of related materials including audits or fiscal analysis, including court cases ◦ Regulated community panel Deliverables: ◦ Summary with potential recommendations ◦ Legislation		
Marketing Montana's Energy Resources			.05 FTE ◦ Option C ◦ Assessment of Montana's energy resources and the financial impacts of improved marketing ◦ Analysis of options to better market Montana energy resources Deliverables: ◦ White paper ◦ Legislation	.005 FTE ◦ Presentation by energy stakeholders ◦ Overview of resources and obstacles with points for further review by committee Deliverables: ◦ Summary ◦ Legislation		
Total Resources Available						.80

FTE Available to ETIC

- .05 FTE = 136 hrs = 17 days
- .10 FTE = 272 hrs = 34 days
- .25 FTE = 680 hrs = 85 days
- .50 FTE = 1360 hrs = 170 days
- .75 FTE = 2040 hrs = 255 days
- 1 FTE = 2720 hrs = 340 days

A member may request the committee learn about an issue as an agenda item as opposed to incorporating into the work plan. Additional topics also may be requested as agenda items that do not need to be incorporated into the work plan.