



## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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### State Capitol, Room 172

### 9 a.m., Thursday, May 17 and 8 a.m., Friday, May 18

Thursday, May 17

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 9:00 a.m.                    **Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 9:05 a.m.                    **Administrative Matters -- Tab 2**
1. Adoption of March meeting minutes
  2. Budget Update
- 9:10 a.m.                    **Energy Handbooks -- Tab 3**
1. Presentation -- Mr. Graff
  2. Public Comment\*
  3. Questions
  4. Committee action, if any
- 9:15 a.m.                    **MT Energy Resources: Future of Colstrip Power Lines and Energy Export**
1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
  2. BPA/Governor's Office Task Force Update -- Mark Reller, BPA
  3. Utility Perspectives  
Puget Sound Energy -- Shauna Tran, Director of Load Serving Operations  
Portland General -- Brendan McCarthy, State Environmental Policy Manager  
NorthWestern Energy -- Mike Cashell, Vice President, Transmission
  4. Energy Developers Perspectives  
Renewable Northwest -- Jeff Fox  
Pascoe Energy -- Bill Pascoe
  5. Public Comment\*
  6. Questions
  7. Committee action, if any

11:30 a.m.

**SJ 2: Renewable Energy Credits/Certificates -- Tab 4**

1. Introduction -- Mr. Walker
2. Background and Overview -- Dan Lloyd, DEQ
3. Public Comment\*
4. Questions
5. Committee action, if any

12:00 p.m.

**Lunch**

1:30 p.m.

**Qualifying Facilities -- Tab 5**

1. **Litigation Update**
  - Overview - Justin Kraske, PSC
  - Public Comment
  - Committee Questions and Discussion
2. **LCSQF1**
  - Overview of Draft -- Ms. Nowakowski
  - Public Comment
  - Committee Questions and Discussion
3. Committee action, if any

2:30 p.m.

**HB 219: Net Metering Cost/Benefit Study -- Tab 6**

1. Introduction and Review of NWE Study -- NWE, Sarah Norcott
2. PSC Process and Review -- Will Rosquist, PSC
3. Public Comment\*
4. Questions
5. Committee action, if any

3:30 p.m.

**HJ 28: Natural Gas Customer Choice -- Tab 7**

1. **LCGAS1**
  - Overview of Draft -- Mr. Graff
  - Public Comment
  - Committee Questions and Discussion
2. **LCGAS2**
  - Overview of Draft -- Mr. Graff
  - Public Comment
  - Committee Questions and Discussion
3. **LCGAS3**
  - Overview of Draft -- Mr. Graff
  - Public Comment
  - Committee Questions and Discussion
4. **LCGAS4**
  - Overview of Draft -- Mr. Graff

- Public Comment
  - Committee Questions and Discussion
5. **HJ 28 Draft Report**
    - Overview of Report -- Mr. Graff
    - Public Comment
    - Committee Questions and Discussion
  6. Committee action, if any

4:45 p.m. **Public Comment\*** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

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

**Friday, May 18**

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8:00 a.m. **Program Review: IRP & Resource Planning Follow-up-- Tab 8**

1. **LCIRP1**
  - Overview of Draft -- Ms. Nowakowski
  - Public Comment
  - Committee Questions and Discussion
2. **LCIRP2**
  - Overview of Draft -- Ms. Nowakowski
  - Public Comment
  - Committee Questions and Discussion
3. **IRP Wrap-up and Review**
  - Overview of Options -- Ms. Nowakowski
  - Public Comment
  - Committee Questions and Discussion
4. Committee action, if any

9:00 a.m. **SJ 31: Decoupling -- Tab 9**

1. Introduction and Overview of Questions-- Mr. Graff
2. Committee Work Session and Discussion
3. Public Comment\*
4. Committee action, if any

10:00 a.m. **Encouraging Investment in Montana Energy -- Tab 10**

1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Transmission Line Investments -- Enbridge Inc.
3. Public Comment\*
4. Questions
5. Committee action, if any

- 11:00 a.m.           **Statutory Administrative Rule Review -- Tab 13**
1. Overview -- Mr. Walker
  2. Public Comment\*
  3. Questions
  4. Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m.           **HB 216: Montana's Wind Bonding Requirements -- Tab 11**
1. DEQ Rules and Implementation -- Laura Andersen, DEQ
  2. Public Comment\*
  3. Committee action, if any
- 12:15 p.m.           **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m.           **Program Review: Small Water and Sewer Utility Regulation -- Tab 12**
1. **LCSMW1**
    - Overview of Draft -- Ms. Nowakowski
    - Public Comment
    - Committee Questions and Discussion
  2. **LCSMW2**
    - Overview of Draft -- Ms. Nowakowski
    - Public Comment
    - Committee Questions and Discussion
  3. **DEQ and PSC MOU Efforts**
    - Overview -- Jennifer Hill-Hart, PSC and Jon Dillard, DEQ
    - Public Comment
    - Committee Questions and Discussion
  4. Committee action, if any
- 2:30 p.m.           **Public Service Commission Update**
1. Update -- PSC Chairman Brad Johnson
  2. Public Comment\*
  3. Questions
  4. Committee action, if any
- 3:00 p.m.           **Environmental Quality Council Update**
1. Joe Kolman, Environmental Analyst, EQC
  2. Public Comment\*
  3. Committee action, if any
- 3:30 p.m.           **Public Comment\*** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

3:45 p.m.

**Other Business/Instructions to Staff**

1. Review of July Meeting Items - Staff
2. Other Business

4:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**

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