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State Capitol, Room 152

8:00 a.m., Friday, September 29

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 8:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 8:05 a.m. **Administrative Matters -- Tabs 2 and 3**
1. ETIC Final Work Plan -- Ms. Nowakowski
 - a. Discussion of Program Review Options and Tours
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Adoption of Final Work Plan
 2. Adoption of July meeting minutes
- 8:30 a.m. **Verizon Coverage in Rural Montana**
1. Verizon -- Milt Doumit
 2. Nemont Communications -- Mike Kilgore
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions
 5. Committee action, if any
- 9:30 a.m. 1. **EQC Update** -- Mr. Kolman
2. Questions
- 9:35 a.m. **Colstrip Updates -- Tab 5**
1. Update on Washington Utilities Commission/Rate Case -- MT Department of Justice
 2. Puget Sound Energy -- Steve, Secrist, VP and General Counsel
 3. Update on worker retraining grant -- Ms. Craigle, Department of Labor and Industry
 4. Public Comment
 5. Questions
 6. Committee action, if any

- 11:00 a.m. **Public Service Commission Overview -- Tab 6**
1. Update - Chairman Brad Johnson
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions
 4. Committee action, if any
- 11:45 a.m. **Energy Handbooks**
1. Update - Mr. Graff
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions
 4. Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. **HJ 28: Natural Gas Customer Choice -- Tab 7**
1. Introduction and Questionnaire -- Mr. Graff
 2. NorthWestern Energy Experiences with Choice -- TBD
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions
 5. Committee action on Proposed Questions to MDU
- 2:00 p.m. **Qualifying Facilities Tariffs/Contracts -- Tab 8**
1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
 2. Public Service Commission Update --
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions
 5. Committee action, if any
- 3:00 p.m. **SJ 31: Decoupling -- Tab 9**
1. Other States -- Mr. Graff
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions
 4. Committee action, if any
- 3:30 p.m. **Encouraging Investment in Montana Energy -- Tab 10**
1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
 2. Montana Department of Commerce -- Sean Becker
 3. Montana Photonics Industry Alliance -- Larry Johnson
 4. Public Comment
 5. Questions
 6. Committee action, if any

- 4:30 p.m. **Statutory Administrative Rule Review -- Tab 4**
1. Overview -- Mr. Walker
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions
 4. Committee action, if any

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

- 5:00 p.m. **Other Business/Instructions to Staff**
1. Budget Update
 2. Review of January Meeting Items -

5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

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