



**NATIONAL CONFERENCE of STATE LEGISLATURES**  
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Big Sky, Montana

AGENDA-- MONTANA TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Thursday, October 4, 2001**

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

**Discussion and Review of Meeting Goals and Meeting Structure**

Sen. Thomas

Matthew Brown, NCSL

**Definitions of what is under state control. What is in a legislature's power to influence? What is beyond state control? How can legislatures use what they can control to exert influence over what they can't?**

8:45-11:15 with a Break

**SITUATION ANALYSIS: HOW DID WE GET WHERE WE ARE?**

Matthew Brown, NCSL

**History and Review of Why Many States Began the Move Towards Retail Electric Restructuring**

**-Federal legislative history**

**-Industry and technological transformation**

**-The early state efforts**

John Malowney, Enron

**Power Marketing Basics: How are wholesale market prices set?**

Jeff Martin

**Genesis of Restructuring in Montana**

Matthew Brown

**Review of the Results of State Efforts To Move Towards Retail Competition**

**-Case studies from several states (CA, MA, PA)**

**Lessons from State Efforts to Move Towards Competition**

**-Wholesale market lessons**

**-Retail market lessons**

Troy Gagliano, NCSL

**System Benefit Funds**

Gary Wiens, MECA

**Rural Electric Cooperatives**

11:30-12:30

**SITUATION ANALYSIS CONTINUED:**

Kevin Higgins, Energy Strategies, UT

**What does the western wholesale market look like? What regional institutions are being proposed?**

12:30

**Lunch Break**

1:15-1:45

**SOLUTION ANALYSIS: FEDERAL AND STATE RESPONSES**

Eileen Doherty, NCSL

**Federal Proposals for Revamping the Transmission and Power Markets.**

1:45-3:00

**Potential Means to Encourage Competition, Keep Prices Stable and Work Within Boundaries of State Authority.**

Bob Anderson, MT PSC

**-Certify – or decertify -- competition**

Matthew Brown

**-Examine Role of Incumbent Provider**

**-Look carefully at the electricity portfolio of the existing supplier and the role of that supplier**

**-Look at efficiency measures**

3:00-3:30

**Wrap-up discussion**