



Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

60th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES

September 5, 2007

Room 172, State Capitol
Helena, Montana

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

REP. HARRY KLOCK, Chair
SEN. GREG LIND, Vice Chair
SEN. JERRY BLACK
REP. DUANE ANKNEY
REP. ROBYN DRISCOLL
REP. BRADY WISEMAN

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED

SEN. VERDELL JACKSON
SEN. DON RYAN

STAFF PRESENT

SONJA NOWAKOWSKI, Lead Staff
DAWN FIELD, Secretary

AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST

Agenda ([News Release](#))

Visitors' list, [Attachment #2](#).

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee selected a meeting date of October 4 and 5, 2007, in Colstrip.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

00:00:01 REP. KLOCK called the meeting of the Energy and Telecommunication Interim Committee (ETIC) to order at 8:35 a.m. The secretary visually noted attendance, Representatives Klock, Ankney, Driscoll, Wiseman and Senators Lind and Black were present; Senators Ryan, and Jackson were excused ([Attachment #3](#)). REP. KLOCK introduced Chantel McCormick, Energy Development Officer, Energy Infrastructure and Development Division, Department of Commerce. Ms. McCormick extended an invitation to the Committee and staff to attend a reception that evening at the Mediterranean Grill to introduce the newly formed division to legislators.

00:01:14 REP. KLOCK said the purpose of the meeting was to reschedule the September meeting, which was postponed due to the September 5, 2007, Special Session of the Montana Legislature. REP. DRISCOLL suggested the dates of October 4 and 5. REP. ANKNEY **moved** to set the meeting date for October 4 and 5, 2007, in Colstrip. SEN. BLACK asked if the speakers originally scheduled for the September meeting were available for the October meeting. **Sonja Nowakowski, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)**, said that most of the speakers are available to come and that plant tours will be scheduled also.

PUBLIC COMMENT

00:02:49 **Dave Hoffman, Pennsylvania Power and Light (PPL) Montana**, said the suggested dates would work well and asked which day the plant tour would take place. He stated that he would like to participate but was available only on October 5. Ms. Nowakowski said that at this time, the tour is scheduled for the morning of October 4.

The **motion passed** on a unanimous voice vote.

00:04:02 SEN. BLACK asked if coal bed methane would be on the meeting agenda. Ms. Nowakowski said Fidelity and Northern Plains Resource Council have been invited to attend and will be available for discussion and questions and that both have agreed to attend. SEN. BLACK noted that the Northern Plains Resource Council has been invited and asked that the Citizens for Resource Development be invited also in order to provide a balanced perspective from land owners. Ms. Nowakowski said that would be done and asked SEN. BLACK to provide her with the contact information. REP. KLOCK asked to add Montanans for Responsible Energy Development (MRAD). REP. WISEMAN asked that the Alternative Energy Resource Organization and the National Center for Appropriate Technology also be invited. REP. KLOCK agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

00:06:24 With no further business before the Committee, REP. WISEMAN moved to adjourn. The motion carried. The next meeting of the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee will be October 4 and 5, 2007, in Colstrip.

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