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State Capitol, Room 172

Wednesday and Thursday , July 28-29

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE. Times and presentations are subject to change.

Wednesday, July 28

- 8:00 a.m. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Chairwoman Driscoll
- 8:05 a.m. **Update on Telecommunications Activity in Montana**
1. AT&T and Alltel -- Adam Grzybicki
 2. Qwest and CenturyLink -- Dave Gibson
 3. Bresnan and Cablevision -- Sean O'Donnell
 4. Verizon -- Aimee Grmoljez
 5. MITS -- Bonnie Lorang
 6. MTA -- Tentative
 7. Public Comment
 8. ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 10:00 a.m. **Interoperability**
1. Interoperability Montana -- Kevin Bruski & Ian Marquand
 2. Public Comment
 3. ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 11:00 a.m. **Break**
- 11:15 a.m. **Update on 9-1-1 Advisory Council**
1. 9-1-1 Program -- Becky Berger, Program Manager
 2. Public Comment
 3. ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. **Hydroelectric Power in Montana**
1. Turnbull Hydroelectric Project -- Ted Sorenson
 2. Avista -- Neil Colwell
 3. BPA -- Gail Kuntz and Mark Reller
 4. PPL Montana -- David Hoffman
 5. Public Comment
 6. ETIC Questions and Discussion

- 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. **Statutory Duties: PSC Agency Overview and Legislative Proposals**
1. Introduction -- Mr. Everts
2. Administrative update -- Chairman Jergeson
3. Proposed legislation -- Chairman Jergeson
4. Committee questions
5. Public comment
6. Committee action requesting drafts for drafting purposes only
- 4:15 p.m. **Administrative Matters**
1. Approval of May 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes
2. Budget Review -- Ms. Nowakowski
3. Administrative Rules -- Mr. Everts
- 4:30 p.m. **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Thursday, July 29

- 8:00 a.m. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Chairwoman Driscoll
- 8:05 a.m. **Finance Committee Reference Book: Energy Issues**
1. Overview -- Senator Lewis, LFC and Barb Smith, LFD
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 8:30 a.m. **Energy Policy: Overview and Action**
1. Review of LC 6000 -- Ms. Nowakowski
 a. Public Comment
 b. ETIC Questions and Discussion
 c. ETIC Decisions and Directions
2. Review of LC 6001 -- Ms. Nowakowski
 a. Public Comment
 b. ETIC Questions and Discussion
 c. ETIC Decisions and Direction
3. Review of Draft Report and Findings -- Ms. Nowakowski
 a. Public Comment
 b. ETIC Questions and Discussion
 c. ETIC Decisions and Directions
- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Big Sky Carbon Sequestration Partnership Update**
1. BSCSP -- John Talbott, project manager

- 2. Public Comment
 - 3. ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 11:15 a.m. **Statutory Duties: Geothermal Research Update, HB 333, 2009**
- 1. Bureau of Mines and Geology -- John Metesh
 - 2. Public Comment
 - 3. ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. **Transmission Line Update**
- 1. Energy Promotion and Development -- Chantel McCormick
 - 2. Public Comment
 - 3. ETIC Discussion and Direction to Staff
- 2:00 p.m. **Wrap up Energy Policy Discussion**
- 1. Update on EQC Biomass Study -- Ms. Nowakowski
 - 2. ETIC Discussion
 - 3. Public Comment
 - 4. ETIC action, if necessary
- 2:30 p.m. **Other Potential Committee Legislation**
- 1. ETIC Discussion
 - 2. Public Comment
 - 3. ETIC action, if necessary
- 3:00 p.m. **Other Business**
- 1. Discussion of September Agenda
 - 2. Instructions to Staff
- 3:30 p.m. **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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