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Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

Montana Tech, 1300 W. Park Street, Butte

Natural Resources Building, Room 302

Thursday & Friday, May 17-18

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

**** All tour attendees must be confirmed in advance of the meeting and must bring photo identification. ****

Thursday, May 17

- 8:30 a.m. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Chairman Olson
- 8:35 a.m. **Welcome to Butte** - J.D. Lynch
- 8:45 a.m. **Depart for PPL EnergyPlus Trading Floor**
45 Basin Creek Road
- 9:00 a.m. **"Introduction to Energy Marketing,"** Rose Spear, director of trading
and marketing, PPL EnergyPlus
- 9:30 a.m. **Tour Trading Floor** (Limited. Committee members, staff, and confirmed
attendees.)
- 10:15 a.m. **Depart for NorthWestern Energy System Operations Control Center**
- 10:30 a.m. **"Overview of Operations,"** Casey Johnston, director of operations
control center and transmission operations, NorthWestern Energy
- 11:00 a.m. **Tour Operating Center** (Limited. Committee members, staff, and
confirmed attendees.)
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch provided to committee members at Gamer's Cafe**
15 W. Park Street
- 1:00 p.m. **Return to Montana Tech, Natural Resources Building, Room 302**
Welcome from Montana Tech and Bureau of Mines and Geology
- 1:15 p.m. **PSC Reports and Request**
1. Follow-up from January and Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
 2. [Overview](#) -- PSC Chairman Travis Kavulla

3. Letter Re: MFSA and Transmission -- TBD
4. Public Comment on overview, drafts and letter
5. ETIC Questions
6. Discussion of recommendations & possible legislation
7. Committee action on drafts (LCet02-LCet05) and letter
8. Directions to staff

2:15 p.m.

One-call Update

1. [Stakeholders Report](#) and Draft Legislation -- John Fitzpatrick and Doug Hardy
2. Staff Report and Remaining Questions -- Ms. Nowakowski
3. Public Comment
4. ETIC Questions
5. Discussion of report, recommendations & possible legislation
6. Committee action
7. Directions to staff

3:15 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m.

NorthWestern Energy -- Smart Grid Demonstration Project

1. [Overview](#) -- William Thomas, manager of regulatory support services, NorthWestern Energy
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Questions and Discussion

4:00 p.m.

HB 142 Reporting Requirements

1. Draft Report -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Questions
4. Committee action

4:15 p.m.

Energy Resource Development

1. [Update on HB 642 efforts](#) -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Questions and Discussion
4. ETIC Instructions to staff for July travel to Billings

4:30 p.m.

Other Business

1. Approve January Minutes -- ETIC
2. Administrative Rules -- Mr. Everts
3. Budget Update -- Ms. Nowakowski
4. Instructions to Staff

4:45 p.m.

Public Comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

5:00 p.m.

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Friday, May 18

- 8:00 a.m. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Chairman Olson
- 8:05 a.m. **Depart for Orphan Girl Mine Geothermal Project Site**
1555 Museum Way
- 8:15 a.m. **Tour Geothermal Project Site** (Limited. Committee members, staff, and confirmed attendees.)
- 9:15 a.m. **Return to Montana Tech, Natural Resources Building, Room 302**
- 9:20 a.m. **Geothermal Research**
 1. [Update](#) -- John Metesh, Bureau of Mines and Geology
 2. Public Comment
 3. ETIC Questions
 4. Committee action, if necessary
- 9:45 a.m. **Montana Tech Energy Research and Lab Tour** (Limited. Committee members, staff, and confirmed attendees.)
 1. Leo Heath, department head, petroleum engineering
 2. Mary North-Abbott, professor of petroleum engineering
 3. ETIC Questions
- 10:30 a.m. **Follow-up to January's Southern Montana Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative Inc. Discussion**
 1. Bill Draft Considerations & Report -- Ms. Nowakowski
 2. Public Comment
 3. ETIC Questions
 4. Discussion of report, recommendations & legislation (LCet01)
 5. Committee action
 6. Directions to staff
- 12:00 p.m. **Working Lunch (Lunch provided to committee members on-site)**
- 12:15 p.m. **Regional Haze -- Federal Implementation of rules**
 1. Department of Environmental Quality -- DEQ Director Richard Opper
 2. [Public Comment](#)
 3. ETIC Questions
 4. Committee action, if necessary
- 1:00 p.m. **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 1:30 p.m. **Depart for Dave Gates Generating Station**
Willow Glen Road, Anaconda
- 2:00 p.m. **"Turbine repair and regulation services,"** William Rhoads, Manager of Montana Production, NorthWestern Energy

2:30 p.m. **Tour Plant** with Jim Williams and Bill Thompson (Limited seating.
Committee members, staff, and confirmed attendees.)

3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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