



## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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### Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee State Capitol, Room 152 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 16

#### AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 8:00 a.m. Call to Order - Roll Call
- 8:05 a.m. Administrative Matters -- [Tab 2](#)
1. [ETIC Final Work Plan](#) -- Ms. Nowakowski
  2. Adoption of [September](#) & [October](#) meeting minutes
- 8:10 a.m. HJ 28: Natural Gas Customer Choice -- Tab 3
1. Introduction -- Mr. Graff
  2. [MDU questionnaire response](#) -- Mike Green, Montana-Dakota Utilities, Garret Senger, Montana-Dakota Utilities and Bob Morman, Montana-Dakota Utilities
  3. [Big Sky Gas questionnaire](#)
  4. Other western states analysis -- Mr. Graff
  5. Public Comment\*
  6. Questions
  7. Committee action, if any
- 9:00 a.m. Integrated Resource Planning & Electricity Procurement Planning Program Review -- [Tab 4 \(A\)](#)
1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
  2. Panel Discussion -- John Hines, NorthWestern, Darcy Neigum, Montana-Dakota Utilities, and Commissioner Travis Kavulla, PSC
  4. Public Comment\*
  5. Questions
  6. Committee action, if any

- 10:00 a.m. Qualifying Facilities Bill Draft -- [Tab 5 \(A\) \(B\) \(C\)](#)
1. Introduction and Draft Legislation-- Ms. Nowakowski
  2. Public Comment\*
  3. Questions
  4. Committee action, if any
- 10:15 a.m. SJ 31: Decoupling -- [Tab 6](#)
1. Introduction -- Mr. Graff
  2. Decoupling Panel -- Heather Grahame, NorthWestern Energy, Garret Senger Montana-Dakota Utilities, Bob Decker, PSC, and Jason Brown, Legislative Consumer Counsel
  3. Pros and Cons of Decoupling -- Mr. Graff
  4. Public Comment\*
  5. Questions
  6. Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m. Environmental Quality Council Update
1. Joe Kolman, Environmental Analyst, EQC
  3. Public Comment
  4. Committee Action, if any
- 11:30 a.m. Energy Handbooks -- [Tab 7](#)
1. Final Draft Introduction -- Mr. Graff
  2. Public Comment\*
  3. Questions
  4. Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:00 p.m. Energy Storage Technology in Montana
1. Introduction
  2. Brian Dekiep -- Northwest Power and Conservation Council
  4. Public Comment\*
  5. Questions
  6. Committee action, if any
- 2:30 p.m. Public Service Commission Update
1. Update -- Brad Johnson, PSC chairman
  2. Public Comment\*
  3. Questions
  4. Committee action, if any

- 3:00 p.m. Montana Energy Policy -- [Tab 8 \(A\)](#)
1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
  2. [Governor Bullock's Energy Blueprint](#)
  3. Public Comment\*
  4. Questions
  5. Committee action, if any
- 3:30 p.m. Call Before You Dig Update -- [Tab 9 \(A\)](#)
1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
  2. Tim Lloyd -- Bureau Chief, Building Codes Bureau, DOLI
  3. Clint Kalfell -- Montana811
  4. Public Comment\*
  5. Questions
  6. Committee action, if any
- 4:00 p.m. Statutory Administrative Rule Review -- [Tab 10 \(A\)](#)
1. Overview -- Mr. Walker
  2. Public Comment\*
  3. Questions
  4. Committee action, if any
- 4:15 p.m. Public Comment\* on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 4:30 p.m. Other Business/Instructions to Staff
1. Budget Update -- Mr. Graff
  2. Review of March Meeting Items - Staff
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

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