

Tentative Agenda

Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC)

January 29-30, 2004
Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association Office
501 Bay Drive
Great Falls, Montana

Agenda items are subject to change

January 29, 2004

- 9:00 Call to Order** -- Rep. Alan Olson, Chair
- **Roll Call**
 - **Announcements**
 - **November 20, 2003 Minutes**
 - **Budget**
- 9:20 Updates**
- **Governor's Energy Consumer Protection Task Force** -- John Bushnell, Task Force Staff
 - **Environmental Quality Council Energy Policy Subcommittee** -- Todd Everts, Legislative Environmental Analyst
- 9:50 Break**
- 10:00 Discussion: Ownership and Rate-Basing of Generation Assets for Default Supply of Electricity**
- John Alke, representing Montana-Dakota Utilities Company
 - Greg Jergeson, Public Service Commission (PSC)
 - David Hoffman, PPL Montana
 - Pat Corcoran, NorthWestern Energy
 - Bob Nelson, Montana Consumer Counsel
- 11:15 Other Updates** -- Mary Vandenbosch, ETIC Research Analyst, and Members
- noon Break**
- 12:30 Briefing on Significant Issues in Energy and Telecommunications** -- Greg Jergeson, PSC
- 1:00 Procurement of Default Supply of Electricity**
- Pat Corcoran, NorthWestern Energy
 - Gerald Mueller, NorthWestern Energy Advisory Committee
- 1:45 Public Comment on Matters within Committee's Jurisdiction**
- 2:00 Recess until January 30 at 8:30**

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8:30 Review of Significant Administrative Rules -- Todd Everts, ETIC Staff Attorney

9:00 Transmission of Electricity -- Initiatives and Solutions

- **Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity -- Mark Lindberg**
- **Northwest Power and Conservation Council -- Wally Gibson**
- **Bonneville Power Administration -- Brian Silverstein**
- **Montana Consumer Counsel -- Larry Nordell**
- **Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO) and Organization of MISO States -- Marla Larson, Greg Jergeson, PSC**
- **Committee Discussion/Questions**

11:30 Break

1:00 Update on NorthWestern Bankruptcy

- **Summary of Major Actions -- Todd Everts, ETIC Staff Attorney**
- **Questions/Discussion**

3:00 Break

3:15 Other Business

- **Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting**
- **Confirm Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
- **Instructions to Staff**

3:30 Adjourn

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