

**2011-12 Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Work Plan Decision Matrix**

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<b>The following are the ETIC's statutory duties.</b>						
<b>Review State Energy Policy</b>	Statute		<p><b>0.25 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In-depth review of energy policy approved by the 2011 Legislature and discussion of changes to specific policy.</li> <li>✓ Involve public and agencies in reviewing specific aspects of existing energy policy or additional policy areas.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Report discussing specific aspects reviewed by committee.</li> <li>✓ Potential legislation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>0.02 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Review existing energy policy as required by statute. Provide for public input on policy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Summary of public comment received and of committee discussion (if any).</li> </ul>		
<b>Review Administrative Rules</b>	Statute		<p><b>0.03 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Staff provides Committee copies of notices for the adoption of rules on all ETIC subjects. (Members to inform staff or Chair if they want more information.)</li> <li>✓ Committee requests that it be copied on notification letters that the DPSR and/or PSC is sending to legislators who were primary sponsors of laws that the agency is now promulgating rules for.</li> <li>✓ Committee attorney monitors and provides synopses of proposed rules or subjects Committee needs to know about.</li> </ul>	<p><b>0.02 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Staff provides Committee copies of notices for the adoption of rules on certain ETIC subjects. (Members to inform staff or Chair if they want more information.)</li> <li>✓ Committee requests that it be copied on notification letters that the DPSR and/or PSC is sending to legislators who were primary sponsors of laws that the agency is now promulgating rules for.</li> </ul>		
<b>Review advisory councils and required reports</b>	Statute			<p><b>0.001 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Request PSC provide a list of advisory councils and required agency reports. Review information and provide recommendations, if any, to Legislative Council. <b>There are no PSC advisory councils and only one report required of the PSC.</b></li> </ul>		
<b>Review agency legislation</b>	Statute		<p><b>0.005 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Committee reviews proposals from the DSPR and/or PSC and decides if staff should draft legislation for preintroduction.</li> </ul>			
<b>Monitor PSC activity</b>	Statute	<p><b>0.05 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Monitor or investigate aspects of PSC programs. (This could be incorporated into a study of the PSC organizational structure, if determined appropriate by ETIC.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>0.03 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Monitor or investigate aspects of a program, if and when the Committee so chooses.</li> </ul>			

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<b>Review utility USBP reports</b>	Statute		<b>0.02 FTE</b> ✓ Committee reviews utility reports and decides if any comments on compliance are needed and if staff should assist.			
<b>Review Geothermal Research</b>	Statute		<b>0.002 FTE</b> ✓ Committee reviews Bureau of Mines and Geology reports and decides if any comments are needed and if staff should assist.			
<b>Review Hydroelectric Projects</b>	Statute		<b>0.002 FTE</b> ✓ Committee reviews DNRC reports related to hydroelectric potential at state-owned facilities.			
<b>Review REC Reports</b>	Statute		<b>0.000 FTE</b> ✓ Committee reviews renewable energy credit reports and decides if any changes, in terms of legislation should be proposed to the 2015 Legislature. The first reports are <b>not due until March 1, 2013.</b>			
<b>The following topics are optional and it is up to ETIC committee members whether to pursue them.</b>						
<b>Study Montana's One-Call Laws</b>	Sen. Larsen	<b>.6 FTE</b> ✓ All of Option B.  ✓ Review existing penalties and compare and contrast with penalties in other Western states.  ✓ Examine governance of the one-call system and potential funding for improvements to one-call laws.  ✓ Analysis of Montana-one-call laws and potential compliance or noncompliance with PHMSA standards.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Potential legislation.  ✓ Final report with recommendations and alternatives.	<b>.25 FTE.</b> ✓ Panel Discussion  ✓ Evaluate options for improved enforcement of Montana's one-call laws.  ✓ Analysis of Montana-one-call laws and potential compliance or noncompliance with PHMSA standards.  ✓ Request stakeholders report to ETIC in January 2012 on progress in development of consensus legislation.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Potential legislation.  ✓ White paper.	<b>.15 FTE</b> ✓ Track proposed PHMSA standards.  ✓ Panel discussion from stakeholders.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Potential legislation.	<b>No Action</b>	
<b>Review Hydraulic Fracturing Rules</b>	Sen. Olson		<b>.15 FTE</b> ✓ All of Option B.  ✓ Review fracturing rules in other Western states.  ✓ Track federal efforts to monitor fracturing practices.  ✓ Visit fracturing site.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Staff white paper.  ✓ Potential legislation.	<b>.002 FTE</b> ✓ Receive an overview of hydraulic fracturing rules developed in Montana.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Potential legislation.	<b>Future Agenda Item</b>	

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Examine PSC Organizational Structure	Sen. Olson		.15 FTE ✓ All of Option B.  ✓ Review organization of Public Service Commissions in other Western states.  ✓ Discuss PSC reporting requirements, annual reports to Legislature.  ✓ Panel discussion.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Staff white paper.  ✓ Potential legislation.	.05 FTE ✓ Analyze existing statutes that establish PSC.  ✓ Outline options for transition to new requirements.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Potential legislation.	No Action	
Study Energy Resource Development	Sen. Jackson	.6 FTE ✓ All of Option B.  ✓ Identify impediments to development of energy resource development.  ✓ Analyze options for addressing identified impediments.  ✓ Analyze options for addressing identified impediments.  ✓ Review relationship between energy resource development and state funding .  ✓ Panel discussion.  <b>Deliverables:</b>  ✓ Potential legislation.  ✓ Final report with recommendations and alternatives.	.3 FTE ✓ All of Option C.  ✓ Future agenda items on ethanol, advanced battery technology, and hydrogen.  ✓ Tour energy related facilities (Rainbow Dam, Signal Peak, SME Natural Gas Plant, wind project) discuss development challenges.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Staff white paper.  ✓ Potential legislation.	.05 FTE ✓ Receive updates on RTIC's discussion of Imperial Oil equipment transportation project.  ✓ Receive updates on EQC's eminent domain and permitting discussions and related policy matters.  ✓ Track H.B. 642 select committee work related to efficiency in government -- natural resource development and permitting.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Potential legislation.	No Action	
Revise ETIC Publications	Historic precedence	.25 FTE ✓ Complete overhaul of both <i>The Electricity Law Handbook</i> and <i>Understanding Electricity in Montana</i> .  ✓ ETIC reviews and approves updates.	.10 FTE ✓ Complete overhaul of <i>The Electricity Law Handbook</i> .  ✓ Provide link to DEQ's updated statistics to <i>Understanding Electricity in Montana</i> .  ✓ ETIC reviews and approves updates.	.05 FTE ✓ Minimal updates to <i>The Electricity Law Handbook</i> .  ✓ Provide link to DEQ's updated statistics to <i>Understanding Electricity in Montana</i> .  ✓ ETIC reviews and approves updates.	No Action	
<b>Total Available Resources</b>						<u>.80</u>

**FTE Available to ETIC**

1 FTE = roughly 15 months = 2,595 hours

.80 FTE = 2,083 hours = 261 days

.75 FTE = 1,952 hrs = 244 days

.50 FTE = 1,299 hrs = 162 days

.25 FTE = 648 hrs = 81 days

.05 FTE = 128 hrs = 16 days

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