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State Capitol, Room 172

Thursday and Friday July 14-15

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Thursday, July 14

- 8:30 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 8:35 a.m. **Administrative Matters -- [Tab 1](#)**
1. Adoption of May meeting minutes
 2. Budget Update
- 8:45 a.m. **The Future of Colstrip Units 1 and 2**
1. [Talen -- Jeremy McGuire, Sr. Vice-President-Chief Financial Officer](#)
 2. Puget Sound Energy -- Steve Secrist, Vice President and General Counsel
 3. [Public Comment](#)
 4. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
 5. Committee action, if any
- 10:00 a.m. **Gordon Butte Pumped Storage -- Absaroka Energy**
1. Carl Borgquist -- [Absaroka Energy](#)
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
 4. Committee action, if any
- 10:30 a.m. **Clearwater Wind Farm -- Orion Renewables -- [Tab 8](#)**
1. Michael Cressner -- Orion Renewables
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
 4. Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m. **MADA Power**
1. Charlie Ricker -- [MADA Power LLC](#)
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
 4. Committee action, if any

- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:15 p.m. **Public Service Commission Overview**
1. Update -- Chairman Brad Johnson
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
 4. Committee action, if any
- 1:30 p.m. **Public Service Commission Draft Legislation -- [Tab 2](#)**
1. [Introduction](#) -- Ms. Nowakowski
 2. Overview -- Chairman Brad Johnson
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
 5. Committee action
- 2:15 p.m. **Consumer Counsel Overview**
1. Update -- Bob Nelson
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
 4. Committee action, if any
- 2:30 p.m. **Avoided Cost Tariffs and QFs**
1. [Overview](#) -- John Alke, NorthWestern Energy
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
 4. Committee action, if any
- 3:15 p.m. **HJ 7: Next Generation 9-1-1 -- [Tab 3](#)**
1. Overview of Public Comment -- Ms. Nowakowski
 2. Stakeholders and Council Update-- Quinn Ness and Geoff Feiss
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
 5. Committee action
- 4:30 p.m. **Montana One-Call Laws and Federal Compliance -- [Tab 4](#)**
1. Utility/Excavator Stakeholders -- Doug Hardy, MECA
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
 4. Committee action, if any
- 4:45 p.m. **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, July 15

- 8:15 a.m. **SJ 12: Stakeholder Update and Draft Report -- Tab 5**
1. Overview -- Ms. Nowakowski
 2. [Stakeholder Update](#) -- Ben Brouwer, MREA; Pat Corcoran, NWE; and Gary Forrester, MDU
 3. [Public Comment](#)
 4. Questions/Discussion
 5. [Directions to Staff](#) on Draft Report or Legislation
 6. Committee action, if any
- 9:45 a.m. **Universal System Benefits Program (69-8-402, MCA) Part I -- Tab 6**
1. [Overview](#) -- Ms. Nowakowski
 2. Utility Perspectives -- [NWE](#), [MDU](#), and [MECA](#)
 3. [Public Comment](#)
 4. Questions/Discussion
 5. Directions to Staff on continued reporting
 6. Committee action, if any
- 10:30 a.m. **Universal System Benefits Program (69-8-402, MCA) Part II -- Tab 6**
1. Overview -- Ms. Nowakowski
 2. Large Customers -- Thor Nelson, [Montana Large Customer Group](#)
 3. Department of Revenue -- Jim McKeon and Mark Schoenfeld
 4. Public Comment
 5. Questions/Discussion
 6. Committee action, if any
- 11:00 a.m. **Renewable Energy Credit Reports (69-3-2009, MCA) -- Tab 7**
1. [Introduction](#) -- Ms. Nowakowski
 2. Department of Revenue -- Jim McKeon and Mark Schoenfeld
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions/Discussion
 5. Directions to Staff on continued reporting
 6. Committee action, if any
- 11:30 a.m. **Geothermal Research Update (90-3-1301, MCA)**
1. [Overview](#) -- John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions/Discussion
 4. Directions to Staff on continued reporting
 5. Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. **Marketing Montana's Energy Resources**
1. Absaroka Energy -- Carl Borgquist

2. Cloud Peak Energy -- Todd O'Hair
3. Public Comment
4. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
5. Committee action, if any

2:00 p.m.

Hydroelectric Development Update (85-1-501, MCA) -- Tab 10

1. Overview -- Director Tubbs, DNRC
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Discussion
4. Directions to Staff on continued reporting
5. Committee action, if any

2:30 p.m.

Wrap-up of Net Metering , NG911, and Other Discussion (if needed)

1. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
2. Committee action, if any

3:30 p.m.

Public Comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

3:45 p.m.

Other Business

1. Instructions to Staff for September Meeting

4:00 p.m.

Adjourn

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