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## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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### Flathead Electric -- 2510 U.S. Highway 2 East

### Thursday and Friday May 12 - May 13

*\*Tours are limited to committee members and confirmed guests -- space is limited. Guests must have been confirmed by May 5.*

#### AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

#### Thursday, May 12

- 9:00 a.m.            **Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 9:05 a.m.            **Welcome**
1. Chairman Keith Regier and Senator Mark Blasdel
  2. Flathead Electric -- General Manager Mark Johnson
  3. Mayor Mark Johnson
- 9:30 a.m.            **Public Service Commission Overview -- [Tab 10](#)**
1. Update - Chairman Brad Johnson (via conference call)
  2. Public Comment
  3. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
  4. Committee action, if any
- 9:45 a.m.            **Consumer Counsel Overview**
1. Update - Bob Nelson
  2. Public Comment
  3. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
  4. Committee action, if any
- 10:00 a.m.            **\*Depart for FH Stoltze Land and Lumber Co. -- [Tab 2](#)**  
**600 Halfmoon Road, Columbia Falls**
1. [Welcome and Overview](#) -- Trevor Kjensrud, Plant Manager
  2. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
- 12:00 p.m.            **LUNCH for ETIC at The Back Room, 522 9th St. W, Columbia Falls**

1:00 p.m.                   **\*Depart for Hungry Horse Dam -- [Tab 3](#)**  
**2501 Colorado Blvd, Hungry Horse**  
1.     [Welcome and Overview](#) -- Dennis Philmon, Facility Manager and  
          Prudence Crampton, Support Service Supervisor /Bureau of  
          Reclamation  
2.     Questions/Discussion/Next Steps

3:00 p.m.                   **Return to Flathead Electric -- 2510 U.S. Highway 2 East**

3:30 p.m.                   **Montana One-Call Laws and Federal Compliance -- [Tab 8](#)**  
1.     [Montana Utility Coordinating Council](#) -- Dale Schultz  
2.     Public Comment  
3.     Questions/Discussion/Next Steps  
4.     Committee action, if any

4:30 p.m.                   **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

5:00 p.m.                   **Recess**

### **Friday, May 13**

8:00 a.m.                   **\*Depart for Landfill Gas to Energy Project -- [Tab 4](#)**  
**Disposal Road, Kalispell**  
1.     Welcome and Overview --- Shaun Morgan, Project Operator and  
          Ross Holter, Director of Member and Energy Services  
2.     Questions/Discussion/Next Steps

9:30 a.m.                   **\*Depart for Flathead Community Solar Project -- [Tab 5](#)**  
**1840 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell**  
1.     Welcome and Overview -- Ross Holter, Director of Member and  
          Energy Services Flathead Electric  
2.     Questions/Discussion/Next Steps

10:30 a.m.                  **Return to Flathead Electric -- 2510 U.S. Highway 2 East**

10:45 a.m.                  **Community Solar in Montana -- [Tab 6](#)**  
1.     Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski  
2.     [NorthWestern Energy Pilot Project](#) -- Jonathan Shafer, Engineer  
3.     [Public Comment](#)  
4.     Questions/Discussion/Next Steps  
5.     Committee action, if any

- 11:15 a.m.           **SJ 12: Stakeholder Update and Liability, Property Tax Followup-- Tab 6**
1.     Overview -- Ms. Nowakowski
  2.     [Stakeholder Update](#) -- Ben Brouwer, Montana Renewable Energy Association, and [Pat Corcoran, NorthWestern Energy](#)
  3.     Public Comment
  4.     Questions/Discussion
  5.     Directions to Staff on Draft Report or Legislation
  6.     Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m.           **LUNCH for ETIC members**
- 1:00 p.m.           **HJ 7: Next Generation 9-1-1 -- Tab 7**
1.     Overview of Legislation and Report -- Ms. Nowakowski
  2.     Stakeholders and Council Update-- Quinn Ness and Geoff Feiss
  3.     Public Comment
  4.     Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
  5.     Committee action
- 2:00 p.m.           **Administrative Matters -- Tab 9**
1.     Adoption of [March meeting minutes](#)
  2.     [Administrative Rule Update](#) -- Mr. Everts
- 2:15 p.m.           **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 2:30 p.m.           **Other Business**
1.     Budget and July Meeting -- Committee Discussion
  2.     Instructions to Staff for July Meeting
- 3:00 p.m.           **Adjourn**

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