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To: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC)

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Date: November 14, 2005

Re: ETIC meeting of November 22nd

Dear Committee Members,

Enclosed are your materials for the ETIC meeting of November 22nd. They include:

- ◆ *ETIC minutes of September 22.* Note that these are not full written summary minutes. Rather, they describe speakers and topics and provide a running log of where the exact words spoken can be found on our web-based audio recording.
- ◆ *Agenda for November 22* in case you do not receive this.
- ◆ *SJR39 survey responses.* This is an *initial* aggregation of responses to the public survey on a possible "energy planning and coordinating entity" for Montana.
- ◆ *PSC Interim Order on NWE USB programming.* Please consider this update in tandem with the USB annual reports from NWE and MDU that were sent to you last month. As part of your oversight duties you are to review those annual reports and determine if you think any comment or action is necessary.
- ◆ *SME update.* A periodic update from Southern Montana Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative.

As a reminder for those of you who will be arriving in Helena the evening before, I will be facilitating a **public forum** on *distributed energy generation* in Room 137 of the Capitol Building from 6:00 to 8:00 that Monday the 21st. Four presenters will help generally frame the topic, and from there the forum will open up to the interested persons and general public (and yourselves, if you can be there). The presenters are Georgia Bresndal (DEQ), Grain Gurney (MSU-Billings), Jason Bronec (MECA/ Glacier Electric) and Dave Ryan (NCAT).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me (at -3957), Todd Everts (at -3747), or Dawn Field (at -3073).

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