

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Call to Order:**

**CHAIRMAN ART NOONAN**, on January 7, 2009 at 3:06 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present:**

Rep. Art Noonan, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)  
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)  
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Bryce Bennett, Committee Secretary  
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

#### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: Jan. 5, 2009

Executive Action: Organizational Meeting &  
Introductions

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

00:02:04 Chairman Noonan described the rules of the committee.  
00:02:28 Rep. Jopek arrived.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

00:04:04 Rep. Klock  
00:04:41 Rep. MacLaren  
00:05:06 Rep. Jopek  
00:05:21 Rep. Wiseman  
00:05:31 Rep. Reichner  
00:05:45 Rep. Regier  
00:06:02 Rep. Phillips  
00:06:15 Rep. O'Hara  
00:06:27 Rep. Stahl  
00:07:00 Rep. Augare  
00:07:34 Rep. Boland  
00:07:45 Rep. Driscoll  
00:07:58 Chairman Noonan  
00:08:55 Bryce Bennett, Committee Secretary  
00:08:57 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division

**EXHIBIT(feh03a01)**

00:13:05 The Chairman discussed the rules of the committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

00:14:40 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association  
00:15:30 David Hoffman, PPL Montana  
00:17:01 Gary Wiens, Montana Electrical Cooperatives Association  
00:17:55 Tom Epsery, Qwest,PSE, Arista  
00:19:00 Rep. Augare left the meeting  
00:19:41 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy  
00:24:17 Mike Pichette, Northwestern Energy  
00:26:18 Ron Devlin, Northwestern Energy  
00:28:36 Bea McCarthy, Northwestern Energy  
00:29:30 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association  
00:30:02 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical  
Workers (IBEW)  
00:30:46 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center  
(MEIC)

00:32:16 The Chairman discussed the rules of the committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

REP. ART NOONAN, Chairman

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BRYCE BENNETT, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([feh03aad.pdf](#))**