

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jerry W. Black, on January 29, 2009 at 3 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Black, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

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: None

Executive Action: None

GENERAL MEETING

Discussion on permitting process for energy transmission

00:03:31 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy
00:04:15 Richard Oppen, Department of Environmental Quality
(DEQ)
00:06:53 Sen. Tropila entered the hearing.
00:14:41 Tom Ring, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
[EXHIBIT\(ens21a01\)](#)

00:29:33 Evan Barrett, Governor's Office
[EXHIBIT\(ens21a02\)](#)

00:43:21 Kate Whitney, Public Service Commission (PSC)
00:46:14 Bob Williams, Montana Alberta Tie Ltd. (MATL)
[EXHIBIT\(ens21a03\)](#)

00:55:46 David Gates, Northwestern Energy
[EXHIBIT\(ens21a04\)](#)

01:07:57 Bill Pascoe, Great Northern Properties

Questions from the Committee:

01:14:15 Sen. Moss
01:14:48 Richard Oppen
01:16:17 Sen. Moss
01:16:38 Richard Oppen
01:17:54 Sen. Hawks
01:18:20 Richard Oppen
01:19:00 Tom Ring
01:20:02 Sen. Hawks
01:20:34 Richard Oppen
01:20:45 Sen. Hawks
01:20:47 Richard Oppen
01:22:16 Sen. Gebhardt
01:22:47 Richard Oppen
01:24:24 Sen. Gebhardt
01:24:52 Richard Oppen
01:25:10 Sen. Erickson
01:25:47 Richard Oppen
01:26:16 Sen. Erickson
01:26:43 Richard Oppen
01:26:54 Sen. Erickson
01:27:08 Richard Oppen
01:27:32 Sen. Erickson
01:27:40 Tom Ring
01:28:23 Sen. Erickson

01:28:39 Tom Ring
01:30:17 Sen. Lewis
01:31:24 Richard Oppen
01:31:57 Sen. Curtiss
01:32:32 David Gates
01:33:04 Sen. Curtiss
01:33:21 David Gates
01:34:04 Sen. Curtiss
01:34:20 David Gates
01:35:31 Chairman Black
01:35:59 Bob Williams
01:37:02 Chairman Black
01:37:15 Bob Williams

Public Comment:

01:38:03 Chris Stephens

Questions from the Committee:

01:40:52 Chairman Black
01:41:16 Richard Oppen
01:42:34 Chairman Black
01:42:50 Richard Oppen
01:43:32 Chairman Black
01:43:42 Richard Oppen
01:43:53 Sen. Erickson
01:44:26 Richard Oppen
01:45:28 Sen. Brown
01:46:20 Richard Oppen

Public Comment:

01:48:05 Katrina Martin
01:49:40 Sen. Brown
01:49:54 Katrina Martin
01:50:14 Sen. Brown
01:50:17 Katrina Martin

Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT(ens21a05)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:54 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([ens21aad.pdf](#))