

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on January 16, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary McNally, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Roger A. Hagan (R)
Rep. Doug Kary (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Molly Miltenberger, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, 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: HB 188, 1/11/2013

HEARING ON HB 188

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:52 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 188, Revise qualifying small power production facility laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:10 John Fitzpatrick, Director of Governmental Affairs, Northwestern Energy
[EXHIBIT\(feh08a01\)](#)

00:34:52 Bill Gallagher, Chair, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:46:52 Jeff Fox, Montana Policy Manager, Renewable Northwest Project
[EXHIBIT\(feh08a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh08a03\)](#)

01:00:14 Mike Uda, Attorney

01:10:23 Bryan Rogan, Part-Owner, Gordan Butte Project

Informational Testimony:

01:18:18 Ted Williams, Head of Transmission, Gaelectric

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:48 Rep. McNally

01:31:40 Mr. Fox

01:33:26 Mr. Fitzpatrick

01:36:33 Rep. O'Hara

01:36:37 Rep. Bollen

01:37:20 Mr. Fitzpatrick

01:37:46 Rep. Bollen

01:38:08 Mr. Fitzpatrick

01:39:32 Rep. Bollen

01:39:57 Mr. Fitzpatrick

01:40:26 Rep. O'Hara

01:40:35 Rep. McNally

01:41:02 Mr. Uda

01:44:03 Rep. McNally

01:44:12 Mr. Fox

01:46:35 Rep. Kary

01:47:00 Mr. Fitzpatrick

01:48:05 Rep. Kary

01:48:39 Mr. Fitzpatrick

01:50:48 Rep. O'Hara

01:50:54 Rep. Barry

01:51:13 Mr. Fitzpatrick

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01:52:14 Mr. Fitzpatrick

01:54:41 Rep. Bollen

01:56:06 Mr. Fitzpatrick

01:57:09 Rep. Moore

01:57:35 Mr. Gallagher, PSC

01:57:41 Rep. Steenberg
01:58:33 Mr. Fitzpatrick
02:01:56 Rep. Lang
02:02:26 Mr. Gallagher, PSC
02:04:00 Rep. O'Hara

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:07 Rep. Regier

02:05:28 Rep. O'Hara
02:06:08 Chair Regier
02:07:21 Rep. McNally
02:07:30 Chair Regier
02:07:50 Rep. Bollen
02:08:09 Chair Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:08:45

Molly Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh08aad.pdf](#))