

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on January 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roger Webb, Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch
Barbara Pietuch, 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:

Organizational Meeting and Public Presentations

00:01:30 Chairman Webb

Introductions

00:03:58 Sen. Ankney
 00:04:13 Sen. Larson
 00:04:32 Sen. Kary
 00:04:46 Sen. Keenan
 00:04:58 Sen. Jones
 00:05:09 Sen. McNally
 00:05:22 Sen. Connell
 00:05:28 Sen. Driscoll
 00:05:40 Sen. Keane
 00:06:07 Sen. Windy Boy
 00:06:22 Barbara Pietuch, committee secretary
 00:06:37 Sonja Nowakowski, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Committee Business

00:06:51 Chairman Webb
 00:07:55 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

EXHIBIT(ens02a01)

00:10:30 Ms. Pietuch
 00:11:23 Chairman Webb
 00:11:54 The Committee unanimously agreed to have snacks provided for the meetings.
 00:12:03 Chairman Webb
 00:13:24 Sen. Driscoll
 00:13:45 Sen. Larsen
 00:14:08 Chairman Webb
 00:14:26 Ms. Nowakowski
 00:15:04 Chairman Webb

Public Presentations

00:16:45 Brad Johnson, chairman, Public Service Commission (PSC)

EXHIBIT(ens02a02)

00:20:53 Jennifer Anders, council member, The Northwest Power and Conservation Council

EXHIBIT(ens02a03)

00:24:40 Pat Smith, council member, Northwest Power and Conservation Council
 00:27:46 Tom Livers, director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
 00:28:37 George Mathieus, division administrator, Planning, Prevention and Assistance Division (DEQ)
 00:31:48 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
 00:32:37 Geoffrey Feiss, general manager, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)

EXHIBIT(ens02a04)

00:34:59 John Fitzpatrick, director of governmental affairs, Northwestern Energy
00:37:03 Dave Galt, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
00:37:57 Ben Brouwer, policy director, Montana Renewable Energy Association (MREA)
00:38:48 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:39:25 Neal Ullman, program director, Montana Conservation Voters Association (MCV)
00:40:11 Tom Ebzery, attorney, lobbyist, Avista, Puget Sound Energy, Portland General
Electric, Century Link
00:41:08 Gary Wiens, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association (MECA)
00:42:30 Jake Brown, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
00:42:58 Jeff Fox, Montana policy manager, Renewable Northwest (RNP)
00:43:41 Chairman Webb

Overview of Interim Work

00:44:20 Sen. Larson
00:50:51 Ms. Nowakowski

[EXHIBIT\(ens02a05\)](#)

00:55:03 Chairman Webb

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:59 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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