

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on January 8, 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. Mark Blasdel (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. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)

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:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 11, 12/31/2014

Executive Action: SB11 - Do Pass

Committee Business

00:00:14 Chairman Webb

00:00:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Windy Boy moved **TO ADOPT** the rules of procedure for the committee. Motion carried unanimously by those present and voting.

EXHIBIT(ens04a01)

00:00:56 Chairman Webb

HEARING ON SB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:32 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 11, Revise universal system benefits laws to exempt small electric utilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:20 Travis Kavulla, commissioner, Public Service Commission (PSC)

EXHIBIT(ens04a02)

00:07:51 Tom Ebzery, attorney, lobbyist, Avista, Puget Sound Energy, Portland General Electric

00:11:34 Mike Green, partner, Crowley Fleck Attorneys, Black Hills Power

00:12:22 Steve Erb, performance auditor, Legislative Audit Division

EXHIBIT(ens04a03)

00:12:51 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:34 Sen Keene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 11

00:15:14 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Windy Boy moved that **SB 11 DO PASS**. Motion carried 12-0 by voice vote. Sen. Larsen was excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:17 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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