

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on February 15, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Christopher Pope, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Robyn Brown, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, 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 438, 2/12/2019

Committee Business:

14:53:18 Chair Zolnikov

HEARING ON HB 438

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:54:00 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 438, Establishing restructuring requirements for electric utility industry.

15:00:05 Rep. Duram joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

None.

Opponents' Testimony:

15:00:33 John Alke, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

15:03:21 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.

15:05:23 Alan Olsen, self

15:10:45 Bill Ryan, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 44 (IBEW)

15:14:47 Aimee Grmoljez, MDU Resources, Inc. (MDUR)

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[EXHIBIT\(feh32a02\)](#)

15:27:28 Adrienne Cotton, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

15:28:37 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperative Association (MECA)

15:35:56 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

15:36:33 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:37:39 Rep. Sullivan left the meeting.

Informational Testimony:

15:38:35 Robin Arnold, Public Service Commission (PSC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:39:10 Rep. Zolnikov

15:39:46 Alan Olsen, self

15:41:32 Rep. Hayman

15:43:48 Alan Olsen, self

15:48:37 Vice Chair Pope

15:51:05 Jon Alke, NWE

15:56:45 Vice Chair Pope

15:57:31 Chair Zolnikov

15:59:24 Rep. Olsen

16:01:48 John Alke, NWE

16:02:46 Rep. Olsen

16:03:06 John Alke, NWE

16:06:35 Chair Zolnikov

16:07:04 John Alke, NWE

16:09:41 Rep. Duram
16:10:19 Aimee Grmoljez, MDUR
16:12:10 Vice Chair Skees
16:12:42 Aimee Grmoljez, MDUR
16:14:05 Vice Chair Skees
16:16:26 Alan Olsen, self
16:18:02 Vice Chair Skees
16:18:46 Alan Olsen, self
16:20:32 Rep. Hayman
16:20:44 Aimee Grmoljez, MDUR
16:21:54 Rep. Hayman

Closing by Sponsor:

16:22:56 Rep. Woods

16:27:22 Chair Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:27:45

Robyn Brown, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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