

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Duane Ankney, on January 12, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jason D. Small, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)  
Sen. Keith Regier (R)  
Sen. Mark Sweeney (D)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Mary McNally, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Lauren de Paepe, Committee Secretary  
Trevor Graff, Legislative Branch  
Jacquie Simmons, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**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 14, 1/6/2021

**HEARING ON SB 14**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:14 Sen. Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB14, Provide for tribal participation in 9-1-1 grant program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:08:34 Geoff Feiss, general manager, Montana Telecommunications Association  
[EXHIBIT\(ens07a01\)](#)

Additional testimony received:

[EXHIBIT\(ens07a02\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:09:54 April Grady, State Information Technology Services Division, Department of Administration

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:10:19 Sen. Regier  
15:10:28 Sen. Ellis  
15:10:47 Chair Ankney

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:10:58 Sen. Ellis  
[EXHIBIT\(ens07a03\)](#)

**Public Service Commission Introductions:**

15:12:11 James Brown, chairman, Public Service Commission (PSC)  
[EXHIBIT\(ens07a04\)](#)

15:13:37 Chair Ankney  
15:13:59 Sen. McNally  
15:14:02 Chair Ankney  
15:14:12 Mr. Brown, PSC

15:14:23 Sen. Small entered the meeting.

15:16:06 Chair Ankney  
15:16:14 Robin Arnold, policy analyst, PSC  
15:17:29 Mr. Brown  
15:17:54 Chair Ankney  
15:18:04 Mr. Brown

**Committee Business:**

15:18:19 Chair Ankney  
15:19:37 Sen. McNally  
15:20:04 Chair Ankney

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:20 PM

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Lauren de Paepe, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([ens07aad.pdf](#))