

**2009-10 Draft Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Work Plan Decision Matrix**

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<b>The following are the ETIC's statutory duties.</b>						
<b>Review State Energy Policy</b>	Statute		<p><b>0.25 FTE</b>                      ✓ In-depth review of energy policy approved by the 2011 Legislature and discussion of changes to specific policy.</p> <p>✓ Involve public and agencies in reviewing specific aspects of existing energy policy or additional policy areas.</p> <p><b>Deliverables:</b>                      ✓ Report discussing specific aspects reviewed by committee.</p> <p>✓ Potential legislation.</p>	<p><b>0.02 FTE</b>                      ✓ Review existing energy policy as required by statute. Provide for public input on policy.</p> <p><b>Deliverables:</b>                      ✓ Summary of public comment received and of committee discussion.</p>		
<b>Review Administrative Rules</b>	Statute		<p><b>0.03 FTE</b>                      ✓ Staff provides Committee copies of notices for the adoption of rules on all ETIC subjects.                      (Members to inform staff or Chair if they want more information.)</p> <p>✓ Committee requests that it be copied on notification letters that the DPSR and/or PSC is sending to legislators who were primary sponsors of laws that the agency is now promulgating rules for.</p> <p>✓ Committee attorney monitors and provides synopses of proposed rules or subjects Committee needs to know about.</p>	<p><b>0.02 FTE</b>                      ✓ Staff provides Committee copies of notices for the adoption of rules on certain ETIC subjects.                      (Members to inform staff or Chair if they want more information.)</p> <p>✓ Committee requests that it be copied on notification letters that the DPSR and/or PSC is sending to legislators who were primary sponsors of laws that the agency is now promulgating rules for.</p>		
<b>Review advisory councils and required reports</b>	Statute		<p><b>0.001 FTE</b>                      ✓ Request PSC provide a list of advisory councils and required agency reports. Review information and provide recommendations, if any, to Legislative Council. <b>There are no PSC advisory councils and only one report required of the PSC.</b></p>			
<b>Review agency legislation</b>	Statute		<p><b>0.005 FTE</b>                      ✓ Committee reviews proposals from the DSPR and/or PSC and decides if staff should draft legislation for preintroduction.</p>			
<b>Monitor PSC activity</b>	Statute	<p><b>0.05 FTE</b>                      ✓ Monitor or investigate aspects of PSC programs. (This could be incorporated into a study of the PSC organizational structure, if determined appropriate by ETIC.)</p>	<p><b>0.03 FTE</b>                      ✓ Monitor or investigate aspects of a program, if and when the Committee so chooses. (This could be incorporated into a study of the PSC organizational structure, if determined appropriate by ETIC.)</p>			

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<b>Review utility USBP reports</b>	Statute		<b>0.02 FTE</b> ✓Committee reviews utility reports and decides if any comments on compliance are needed and if staff should assist.			
<b>Review Geothermal Research</b>	Statute		<b>0.002 FTE</b> ✓Committee reviews Bureau of Mines and Geology reports and decides if any comments are needed and if staff should assist.			
<b>Review Hydroelectric Projects</b>	Statute		<b>0.002 FTE</b> ✓Committee reviews DNRC reports related to hydroelectric potential at state-owned facilities.			
<b>Review REC Reports</b>	Statute			<b>0.000 FTE</b> ✓Committee reviews renewable energy credit reports and decides if any changes, in terms of legislation should be proposed to the 2015 Legislature. The first reports are <b>not due until March 1, 2013.</b>		
<b>The following topics are optional and it is up to ETIC committee members whether to pursue them.</b>						
<b>Study Montana's One-Call Laws</b>	Sen. Larsen	<b>.6 FTE</b> ✓ All of Option B.  ✓ Review existing penalties and compare and contrast with penalties in other Western states.  ✓ Examine governance of the one-call system and potential funding for improvements to one-call laws.  ✓ Analysis of Montana-one-call laws and potential compliance or noncompliance with PHMSA standards.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Potential legislation.  ✓ Final report with recommendations and alternatives.	<b>.3 FTE.</b> ✓ All of Option C  ✓ Evaluate options for improved enforcement of Montana's one-call laws.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Potential legislation.  ✓ White paper.	<b>.15 FTE</b> ✓ Track proposed PHMSA standards.  ✓ Panel discussion from stakeholders.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Potential legislation.	<b>No Action</b>	
<b>Review Hydraulic Fracturing Rules</b>	Sen. Olson		<b>.15 FTE</b> ✓ All of Option B.  ✓ Review fracturiing rules in other Western states.  ✓ Track federal efforts to monitor fracturing practices.  ✓ Visit fracturing site.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Staff white paper.  ✓ Potential legislation.	<b>.002 FTE</b> ✓ Receive an overview of hydraulic fracturing rules developed in Montana.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Potential legislation.	<b>No Action</b>	

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<b>Examine PSC Organizational Structure</b>	Sen. Olson		.15 FTE ✓ All of Option B.  ✓ Review organization of Public Service Commissions in other Western states.  ✓ Discuss PSC reporting requirements, annual reports to Legislature.  ✓ Panel discussion.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Staff white paper.  ✓ Potential legislation.	.05 FTE ✓ Analyze existing statutes that establish PSC.  ✓ Outline options for transition to new requirements.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Potential legislation.	<b>No Action</b>	
<b>Study Energy Resource Development</b>	Sen. Jackson	.6 FTE ✓ All of Option B.  ✓ Identify impediments to development of energy resource development.  ✓ Analyze options for addressing identified impediments.  ✓ Analyze options for addressing identified impediments.  ✓ Review relationship between energy resource development and state funding .  ✓ Panel discussion.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Potential legislation.  ✓ Final report with recommendations and alternatives.	.3 FTE ✓ All of Option C.  ✓ Review existing ethanol incentives.  ✓ Panel discussions.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Staff white paper.  ✓ Potential legislation.	.05 FTE ✓ Receive updates on RTIC's discussion of Imperial Oil equipment transportation project.  ✓ Receive updates on EQC's eminent domain and permitting discussions and related policy matters.  ✓ Track H.B. 642 select committee work related to efficiency in government -- natural resource development and permitting.  <b>Deliverables:</b> ✓ Potential legislation.	<b>No Action</b>	
<b>Revise ETIC Publications</b>	Historic precedence	.25 FTE ✓ Complete overhaul of both <i>The Electricity Law Handbook</i> and <i>Understanding Electricity in Montana</i> .  ✓ ETIC reviews and approves updates.	.10 FTE ✓ Complete overhaul of <i>The Electricity Law Handbook</i> .  ✓ Provide link to DEQ's updated statistics to <i>Understanding Electricity in Montana</i> .  ✓ ETIC reviews and approves updates.	.05 FTE ✓ Minimal updates to <i>The Electricity Law Handbook</i> .  ✓ Provide link to DEQ's updated statistics to <i>Understanding Electricity in Montana</i> .  ✓ ETIC reviews and approves updates.	<b>No Action</b>	
<b>Total Available Resources</b>						<u>.80</u>

**FTE Available to ETIC**

- 1 FTE = roughly 15 months = 2,595 hours
- .80 FTE = 2,083 hours = 261 days
- .75 FTE = 1,952 hrs = 244 days
- .50 FTE = 1,299 hrs = 162 days
- .25 FTE = 648 hrs = 81 days
- .05 FTE = 128 hrs = 16 days

✓A member may request the committee learn about an issue as an agenda item as opposed to incorporating into the work plan. Additional topics also may be requested as agenda items that do not need to be incorporated into the work plan.

