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Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

State Capitol, Room 172

8:00 a.m., Friday, September 7

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE.

- 8:00 a.m. **Call to Order /Roll Call -- Chairman Olson**
- 8:05 a.m. **Review of Proposed Draft Legislation**
1. **LCet00** -- Revise RPS to Include Hydroelectric Facility Expansions
 2. Staff Overview -- Ms. Nowakowski
 3. [Public Comment](#)
 4. Committee Questions and Executive Action
 5. Potential Selection of Bill Sponsor
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1. **LCet01**: Revise Regulation of Rural Electric Cooperatives
 2. Staff Overview -- Ms. Nowakowski
 3. Public Comment
 4. Committee Questions and Executive Action
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- 9:00 a.m. **Federal Grid Upgrade Proposal**
1. Senior advisor to Energy Secretary Steven Chu -- Lauren Azar (Unable to attend)
 2. Montana Rural Electric Cooperatives -- Doug Hardy
 3. [Public Comment](#)
 4. ETIC Questions
 5. Committee action, if necessary
- 9:30 a.m. **BLM Hydraulic Fracturing Rule Proposals**
1. Committee Discussion
 2. [Public Comment](#)
 3. Committee action, if necessary
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **Statutory Duties: Hydroelectric Development Update, 85-1-501, MCA**
1. [Department of Natural Resources and Conservation](#) -- Tim Davis
 2. Public Comment
 3. ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 10:45 a.m. **Statutory Duties: Geothermal Research Update, 90-3-1301, MCA**

1. [Bureau of Mines and Geology](#) -- John Metesh
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Questions and Discussion

11:15 a.m.

PSC Reports

1. Update -- PSC Chairman Travis Kavulla
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Questions and Discussion

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Interoperability

1. [Interoperability Montana](#) -- Dick Clark and Warren Dupuis
2. [Public Comment](#)
3. ETIC Questions and Discussion
4. Committee action, if necessary

2:30 p.m.

Potential RPS Study Resolution for 2013-14 Interim

1. Introduction -- Senator Olson
2. Committee Discussion
3. Public Comment
4. Committee action, if necessary

3:00 p.m.

Energy Related Permitting and Project Status

1. [Department of Environmental Quality](#) -- Tom Livers
2. Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Mary Sexton
3. Public Comment
4. ETIC Questions and Discussion
5. Committee action, if necessary

4:00 p.m.

Administrative Matters

1. Rule Review -- Mr. Everts
2. Budget Review -- Ms. Nowakowski
3. [Review of Information in Mailing](#) -- Ms. Nowakowski
4. Interim Wrap-up, Staff Evaluation

4:30 p.m.

Public Comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

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