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TO: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC) and Environmental Quality

Council (EQC) 111d Subcommittee Members

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The ETIC-EQC 111d subcommittee is scheduled to meet **September 10** in Helena. The meeting begins at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 172 of the State Capitol. Enclosed is a draft agenda and additional items to help you prepare for the meeting. The meeting will begin upon adjournment of the EQC.

This meeting is your chance to chart the course of the subcommittee for the rest of the interim. The subcommittee is awaiting the appointment of its final two Republican members from the EQC. With membership in place, the subcommittee will need to discuss its objectives and how it will proceed through the interim. While interim committees often are guided by a draft work plan, much of the subcommittee's work will be driven by federal timelines, and decisions by the committee about its role in the various steps in the process. A final federal rule was released on August 3.

Your mailing packets include the following materials:

- ⇒ Draft September 10 Agenda
- ⇒ Overview of 111d Potential Work Issues
- ⇒ EPA Information on final federal rule
- ⇒ Draft 2015-2016 111d Meeting Schedule

Because the subcommittee will be discussing its objectives and electing a presiding officer and vice-presiding officer, it is important that you take part. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please let me know ASAP. If you are not able to be in attendance, please email a written proxy for the record.

Much of the meeting will be dedicated to organizing for the months ahead, with an update from state agencies that have been key in Montana's response to the federal 111d rule to-date. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

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