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## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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### Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee State Capitol, Room 172

1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 15 and 8 a.m., Friday, March 16

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AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

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| 1:30 p.m. | Call to Order - Roll Call  |
| 1:35 p.m. | Administrative Matters -- Tab 2 <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Adoption of January meeting minutes</li><li>2. Budget Update</li></ol>  |
| 1:40 p.m. | Energy Handbooks <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Final Introduction -- Mr. Graff</li><li>2. DEQ Perspective</li><li>2. Public Comment*</li><li>3. Questions</li><li>4. Committee action, if any</li></ol>   |
| 2:00 p.m. | Public Service Commission Update <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Update -- Brad Johnson, PSC chairman</li><li>2. Public Comment*</li><li>3. Questions</li><li>4. Committee action, if any</li></ol>   |
| 2:30 p.m. | HJ 28: Natural Gas Customer Choice -- Tab 3 <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Big Sky Gas Questionnaire Response -- Rob Cantrell, Crius Energy</li><li>2. State Customer Choice Standards -- Mr. Graff</li><li>3. HJ 28: MDU Proposal -- Mike Green</li><li>4. Public Comment*</li><li>5. Questions</li><li>6. Committee action, if any</li></ol> |

- 4:00 p.m. High-Performance Building Program Update (17-7-214, MCA)
1. Overview -- Russ Kathermen, Department of Administration
  2. Public Comment
  3. Questions/Discussion
  4. Directions to Staff on continued reporting
  5. Committee action, if any
- 4:30 p.m. Statutory Administrative Rule Review -- Tab 4
1. Overview -- Mr. Walker
  2. Public Comment\*
  3. Questions
  4. Committee action, if any
- 4:45 p.m. Public Comment\* on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 5:00 p.m. Recess
- Friday, March 16
- 8:00 a.m. Program Review: IRP & Resource Planning Follow-up-- Tab 5
1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
  2. ETAC Open Meeting Update -- TBD, NorthWestern Energy
  3. Planning Goals and Objectives -- Janine Migden-Ostrander, Regulatory Assistance Project
  4. Public Comment\*
  5. Questions
  6. Committee action, if any
- 9:00 a.m. SJ 31: Decoupling -- Tab 6
1. Introduction -- Mr. Graff
  2. SJ 31: Decoupling Construction -- Mr. Graff
  3. Decoupling Policy Perspectives -- Janine Migden-Ostrander, Regulatory Assistance Project
  4. Public Comment\*
  5. Questions
  6. Committee action, if any
- 10:00 a.m. Encouraging Investment in Montana Energy -- Tab 7
1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
  2. Carl Borgquist -- Gordon Butte Pumped Storage, Absaroka Energy

- 3. Mark Peterson -- GTUIT
  - 4. Public Comment\*
  - 5. Questions/Discussion/Next Steps
  - 6. Committee action, if any
- 11:00 a.m. Environmental Quality Council Update
- 1. Joe Kolman, Environmental Analyst, EQC
  - 3. Public Comment
  - 4. Committee Action, if any
- 11:15 a.m. Program Review: Small Water and Sewer Utility Regulation -- Tab 8
- 1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
  - 2. Panel Discussion: Justin Kraske, Montana Public Service Commission; Jason Brown, Consumer Counsel; Jon Dilliard, Montana DEQ
  - 3. Public Comment\*
  - 4. Questions
  - 5. Committee action, if any
- 12:30 p.m. Public Comment\* on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 12:45 p.m. Other Business/Instructions to Staff
- 1. Review of May Meeting Items - Staff
- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn

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