



# Energy and Technology Interim Committee

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## Energy and Technology Interim Committee State Capitol, Room 317 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 12th

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 9:00 a.m.                    **Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 9:05 a.m.                    **Governor's Energy Task Force Update**
1. Purpose, Phases, and Assignments, -- Director Sonja Nowakowski, Senator Pope & Representative Parry
  2. Public Comment
  3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
- 9:20 a.m.                    **Artificial Intelligence: AI Regulatory Structures (HJ 4)**
1. "AI: What's at Stake" --Taylor Barkley, Abundance Institute
  2. Public Comment
  3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
- 10:00 a.m.                    **NorthWestern Energy (NWE) and Black Hills Corp. Proposed Merger**
1. Merger Informational Session --Shannon Heim, NWE
  2. Public Comment
  3. Questions/Comments from the committee
- 10:45 a.m.                    **Break**
- 11:00 a.m.                    **Waste-to-Energy (Member Topic)**
1. Waste-To-Energy: Technology and Usage—Mr. Burns
  2. Landfill Gas to Energy Plant —Ron Catlett, Flathead Electric Cooperative
  3. Public Comment
  4. Questions/Comments from the committee

- 11:30 a.m.                   **Introduction to Interstate Compacts (SJ 21)**
1.       Introduction to Interstate Compacts-- Carl Sims, National Center for Interstate Compacts
  2.       Public Comment
  3.       Questions/Comments from the committee
- 12:00 a.m.                   **LUNCH**
- 1:30 p.m.                   **Public Service Commission Update**
1.       Status of Leadership, Dockets and Litigation—Commissioners & Staff
  2.       Public Comment
  3.       Questions/Comments from the committee
- 2:30 p.m.                   **Transmission Upgrades & Regionalization (SJ 12/21)**
1.       North Plains Connector: Project Update, Current Utility Ownership, and How does Montana’s Regulatory Environment Compare to North Dakota’s? – Brant Johnson, Grid United
  2.       Energy Strategies Transmission Upgrade Study- Keegan Moyer, Energy Strategies
  3.       Public Comment
  4.       Questions/Comments from the committee
- 3:15 p.m.                   **Break**
- 3:30 p.m.                   **Data Center Water Usage**
1.       Beowulf’s Closed-Loop System—Pace Ralli, Beowulf Electricity & Data
  2.       Sabey Data Center’s Closed-Loop System – Rob Corbin, Sabey Data Centers
  3.       Public Comment
  4.       Questions/Comments from the committee
- 4:00 p.m.                   **Work Session** (members and staff)
- 4:25 p.m.                   **Public Comment** (on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC)
- 4:30 p.m.                   **Adjourn**

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