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To: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC)

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Re: Materials for next meeting

Dear Committee Members,

The next ETIC gathering on April 20-21 promises to be the busiest ETIC meeting of the interim. In addition to a solid two-day schedule of updates, panels and discussions, we will also be having dinner, Thursday evening, with Canadian guests from both the consulate in Denver as well as from the Alberta Legislature.

Please find enclosed here the following:

- January 19 ETIC minutes
- Agenda for April 20-21
- Utility USB annual reports (NorthWestern, MDU, and pooled co-ops)
- LC-0037 NorthWestern "vertical integration"
- LC-0038 Montana transmission authority
- PSC memo on both LC-0037 and LC-0038
- PSC proposed regulations for SB-415 (renewable energy standards) for ETIC comment
- LC-4144 Proposed revision of telecommunications laws
- MITS letter on LC-4144
- Update on Centennial's work in Hardin
- List of NorthWestern's QFs in Montana (at request of Rep. Olson)
- Power point on oil sands and synthetic crude oil (at request of Rep. Olson)

One more "skinny" mailing will be coming to you in a couple days. Call if you need anything.

Casey

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