

Draft Agenda

Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC)

Thursday, November 20, 2003
Room 102, State Capitol
Helena, Montana

Agenda items are subject to change

- 8:30 Call to Order** -- Rep. Alan Olson, Chair
- **Roll Call**
 - **September 16, 2003 Minutes**
- 8:35 Review of Significant Administrative Rules** -- Todd Everts, ETIC Staff Attorney
- 8:40 Update on NorthWestern Bankruptcy**
- **State Participation in Bankruptcy Proceeding** -- Bob Rowe, Chairman, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC); Mary Vandebosch, ETIC Staff
 - **Summary of Major Actions** -- Al Brogan, PSC Attorney
 - **Questions/Discussion**
- 9:15 Transmission of Electricity -- Initiatives and Solutions**
- **Introduction** -- Mary Vandebosch, ETIC staff
 - **RTO West** -- Ted Williams, NorthWestern Energy
 - **Western Interconnect** -- Camden Collins, Western Interconnect, L.L.C..
 - **National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Meeting** -- Sen. Fred Thomas
 - **Committee Discussion/Questions**
- 10:40 Transmission of Natural Gas** -- Jay Waterman, NorthWestern Energy
- 11:15 Break**
- 1:30 Universal System Benefits**
- **Presentation of Background Information and Options** -- ETIC Staff
 - **Public Comment**
 - **Committee Discussion/Identification of Next Steps**
- 2:45 Break**
- 3:00 Updates**
- **Governor's Energy Consumer Protection Task Force** -- Rep. Alan Olson
 - **Environmental Quality Council Energy Policy Subcommittee** -- Todd Everts, Legislative Environmental Analyst
 - **Other Updates**
- 3:45 PSC Authority over Utility Transactions**
- **PSC Presentation** -- Bob Rowe, PSC Chairman
 - **Public Comment**
 - **Committee Discussion/Identification of Next Steps**

4:45 Public Comment on Matters within Committee's Jurisdiction

5:15 Other Business

- **Budget**
- **Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting**
- **Confirm Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
- **Instructions to Staff**

5:30 Adjourn

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