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Energy and Technology Interim Committee
State Capitol, Room 154
9:00 a.m., Monday, May 11, 2026

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**

9:05 a.m. **Energy Task Force & Public Service Commission Update**

1. Energy Task Force Update- Director Sonja Nowakowski, Chairman Zolnikov
2. PSC response report, remote work restriction- Commissioner Jennifer Fielder (PSC)
3. PSC Status of Dockets and Litigation— Commission Staff
4. Public Comment
5. Questions/Comments from the Committee

9:30 a.m. **The Untapped Grid: How Better Utilization of the Power System Can Improve Energy Affordability**

1. Introduction- Sen. Pope
2. Ian Magruder (Utilize Coalition), Molly Knoll (Align Energy Advisors), and Ryan Hledik (Brattle Group)
3. Public Comment
4. Questions/Comments from the Committee

10:30 a.m. **Proposed Large Load Tariff- NorthWestern Energy**

1. Charles Lane, director of regulatory affairs (NWE)
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee

11:00 a.m. **Lunch**

12:30 p.m. **Provisional Draft Legislation 001- PSC Restructuring**

1. Proposed Legislation: PD001 Overview- Rep. Carter, Sen. Lammers
2. Public Comment

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3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

1:00 p.m. **Provisional Draft Legislation 002 & 003- "Interstate Competitive Transmission Development Compact Act"**

1. Proposed Legislation: PD002 & 003 Overview- Dave Herbst (American Power Play)
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

1:30 p.m. **Provisional Draft Legislation 0046- Municipal Water Infrastructure Coal Transition Account**

1. Proposed Legislation: PD0046 Overview- Rep. Parry
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

2:00 p.m. **Break**

2:15 p.m. **Provisional Draft Legislation 004 & 005- Railroad Crossings & Equal Treatment of Railroad ROW Users**

1. Proposed Legislation: PD004, PD005 Overview- Staff
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

2:45 p.m. **Provisional Draft Legislation 006- Montana Solar Shares Act**

1. Proposed Legislation: PD006 Overview- Sen. Pope
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

3:15 p.m. **Provisional Draft Legislation 047- Cryptocurrency regulation and crime**

1. Proposed Legislation: PD047 Overview- Chairman Zolnikov
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

3:45 p.m. **Committee Work Session**

1. Open Discussion on matters within the jurisdiction of ETIC
2. Instructions to staff
3. Committee Action, if any

4:15 p.m. **Public Comment**

1. Public Comment on Matters Within the Jurisdiction of ETIC

4:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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