

**Montana Renewable Resource Development Action Plan
Commercial/Policy Committee Initial Discussion**

January 25, 2018

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

**Location: NorthWestern Energy Bozeman Division Large Conference Room 121 East
Griffin Drive Bozeman, MT**

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Introduction Overview 9:00am – 9:30am

- Committee members introductions
- Remarks from Vickie Vanzandt
- Calendar of future meetings

1. Montana Clean Energy Market Opportunities 9:30am – 10:15am

- a. Cost Competitiveness
- b. Coordinating Market Opportunities With Transmission Procurement – “the chicken or the egg”
- c. Major Transmission Issues
 - i. Is transmission capacity available? When and at what cost?
 - ii. Who will provide integration services? At what cost?
 - iii. Is dynamic transfer capability available, if needed?

2. Market Issues 10:15am – 11:00am

- a. Which export markets are viable? – west (PNW, California), north, south, east
- b. Future and impact of PTCs
- c. RPS requirements and rules

Break 10 min

3. Transmission Capacity Inventory 11:10am – 12:00pm

- a. Westbound
 - i. Existing ATC – TP, POR/POD, capacity, costs/rates, timing
 - ii. From Colstrip retirements – TP, POR/POD, capacity, costs/rates, timing
 - iii. From Upgrades – TP, POR/POD, capacity, costs/rates, timing
- b. Northbound/Southbound/Eastbound?
 - i. From ATC – TP, POR/POD, capacity, costs/rates, timing
 - ii. From Upgrades – TP. POR/POD, capacity, costs/rates, timing

Lunch 12:00pm – 1:00pm

4. Transmission Tariffs/Agreements 1:00pm – 2:30pm

- a. Separate queues / timing for each TP
- b. Large (but refundable) deposits
- c. 5-Year Take or Pay Commitment
- d. Must take (and pay for) ATC to get upgrade studies
- e. Redirects for TSRs
- f. BPA MT Intertie pancaked rate
- g. BPA/NWE 184 MW capacity dispute
- h. Third Party use under Montana Intertie Agreement

Break 10 Min

5. Integration 2:40pm – 2:55pm

- a. Willingness of BAAs to integrate – NWE, BPA, sink BAAs
- b. Technical issues/studies – Operations Committee

6. Dynamics Transfers 2:55pm – 3:10pm

- a. Technical issues/studies – Operations Committee

Next Steps/Recap 3:10pm – 3:30pm