MONTANA TRANSMISSION KICKOFF MEETING

December 8, 2017
Helena, Montana
Introductions and Logistics

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Project Specifics:

Objective
- Explore opportunities and barriers to Montana’s potential renewable resources
- Recommend sustainable solutions to barriers
- Initiate actions to achieve solutions

Schedule – 6 months
- Dec 8, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Deliverable – Action Plan
- for potential development and delivery of Montana renewable resources
- to enable thriving commercial market for renewable resource development
Process:

- Establish project structure
  - Steering Committee comprised of key stakeholders
  - Sub-committee structure to address policy, planning and operational issues
  - Define detailed project schedule

- Identify and commit staff to accomplish objective

- Open, inclusive work flow to ensure stakeholder interests are understood and considered
TODAY’S PLAN

- Hear from Governor Bullock and Administrator Mainzer
  - Why they convened us
  - Their goals, desired outcomes, and expectations of us

- Panel Members’ statements of interests

- Level set on the current state of transmission from the transmission owners’ perspective

- Explore the resource developers’ perspective on market opportunities and barriers

- First opportunity for public comment
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....Making sure we each understand the interests of each stakeholder
Selection of Issue Topics to pursue
  - Policy
  - Planning
  - Operations
  - Other

Decide on Project Structure

Populate Steering, Policy, Planning and Operations Committees

Layout greater project schedule detail

Second opportunity for public comment

Summarize next steps and adjourn

TODAY’S PLAN
The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

--- Chinese Proverb

LET’S GET STARTED!!