

**Montana Generation and Transmission Working Group**  
**Webinar May 27, 2020 3:00-4:30 (Mountain) “Moving Montana Renewable Energy East and West”**

Panelists:

Darcy Neigum- Montana Dakota Utilities

Casey Johnston- NorthWestern Energy

Gayle Nansel- WAPA

Lanny Nickell- SPP

John Husar- Developer, Upper Badlands Wind Project

**Agenda**

**2:45-** Panelists join early to do sound check, screen check, etc. (DEQ, Panelists)

**3:00-** Start Webinar

**3:00-3:05** Welcome, DEQ Energy Office Intro

*Roles: Ben. B gives brief overview of the purpose of the webinar, logistics, Ben B. introduces DEQ Air, Energy and Mining Division Administrator Chris Dorrington—Chris welcomes participants to the webinar, gives background on G&T Working Group*

**3:05-3:10-** Update on solar and wind bonding rules

*Roles: Kyla M. and Meranda B. with DEQ will provide this update*

**3:10-3:15-** Q&A on wind and solar bonding rules

**3:15-3:20-** Agenda overview/Speaker bios

*Roles: Ben B. provides an overview of the webinar agenda and lists speakers and brief bios. Each panelist will provide their bio and photo to Kyla ahead of the meeting*

**3:20-3:45** Background and History of Transmission in Eastern Montana and Key Players

Speaker Order:

- WAPA
- SPP
- MDU
- NorthWestern Energy
- John Husar

*Roles: Gayle with WAPA will provide information on the existing transmission lines and ownership of the lines in Eastern Montana, hydro generation at Fort Peck, DC intertie at Miles City. Each panelist will provide a background on their project, company, or organization and the role they play in energy generation, transmission, or distribution (serving loads) in Montana.*

**3:45-4:00** Panelists Perspectives: Constraints Associated with Exporting Renewable Energy out of Eastern Montana

*Roles: Each panelist will discuss existing administrative or other constraints with transmission in Eastern Montana. Please focus on one or two primary constraints and consider focusing on barriers within your own organization.*

Speaker Order:

- John Husar
- WAPA
- MDU
- SPP
- NWE

**4:00- 4:20** Panelists Perspectives-Solutions and Opportunities to Address Existing Challenges in Eastern Montana

*Roles: Each panelist will discuss potential innovations and solutions focusing on improved processes that could help address renewable energy transmission and integration challenges.*

Speaker Order:

- WAPA
- SPP
- MDU
- NWE
- John Husar

**4:20-4:30** Q&A

*Roles: Ben B. will read questions from the audience submitted through the chat feature and panelists will respond.*

**4:30** Webinar Ends