Transmission & Distribution

• SB 42 – Revise MFSA to narrow facility review corridor from ½ mile to 500 ft.
• HB 297 – Right-of-first-refusal given to incumbent electric utility in eastern MT
• SJ 18 – Resolution in support of advanced transmission lines
• HR 2 – Resolution encouraging elimination of Montana Intertie Rate and changes to Eastern Intertie rate
• HB 365 – Creates additional protections for underground utilities
• SB 357 – Sunsets Clean & Green 19 year, 50% tax abatement that applies to C14 transmission
Renewable Energy

- HB 20 – Repeal REC reporting requirements to Dept. of Revenue/ETIC
- SJ 2 – Study RECs and reporting
- SB 32 – Repeal Community Renewable Energy Project (CREP) requirements
- SB 146 – Loosen CREP qualifying requirements
- SB 209 – Require 75% Montana residents employed on RE developments for preferential tax treatment (Class 14)
Bonding

- HB 216 – Require wind farms 25+ MW to provide a decommissioning plan and bond to DEQ with some exceptions
- HB 363 – Require wind and solar farms 35+ MW to submit reclamation plans and decommissioning bond to DEQ
- HB 625 – Require remediation bonds for Colstrip units 1 & 2
Miscellaneous

- SB 36 – Eliminates electrical licensing exemption for grid-tied generation
- SB 102 – Allow PSC to set QF contracts at no longer than 20 years in length
- SB 330 – Allow counties to establish PACE programs
- SB 210 – Change MT PSC to PUC with appointed commissioners
Utility Regulation

- HB 475 – Would empower PSC to order a rate case when deemed in the public interest
- HB 193 – Limits NWE’s ability to pass through electricity purchase costs without PSC review
- HB 189 – Eliminate automatic rate adjustment for taxes and fees
- SB 168 – Shortens PSC review time for utility procurement plans to 9 months and requires 2 public meetings on proposed plans
Colstrip Bills

- SB 37 – Would grant DEQ decommissioning and remediation authority over retiring Colstrip units
- SB 339 – Requires Colstrip unit owners to submit remediation plan to DEQ
- SB 38 – Impose fees for the retirement of Colstrip units 1 & 2
- SB 338 – Impose decommissioning fees on Colstrip units upon retirement
- HB 22 - $130k to intervene in out-of-state proceeding affecting Colstrip
- HB 60 – Double WET Tax to support Colstrip community
- HB 585 – Allows $10 million low-interest loan to Colstrip owners from coal trust fund
- SJ 5 – Study impacts of potential coal phase-out
### Net Metering (NM) Access Bills

- **SB 11** – Require biennial PSC review of interconnection standards
- **SB 12** – Require PSC to review metering requirements for NM
- **SB 1** – Require advanced meters for NM customers
- **HB 504** – Omnibus pro-net metering bill
- **HB 34** – Increase cap to 250 kW for gov’t buildings
- **HB 52** – Grandfather existing net metering customers
- **SB 201** – Allow for aggregate NM
- **SB 154** – Limit NM access to RE tax credits and SBEC
- **SB 277** – Prohibit AERLP from loaning to virtual NM customers
NM Rate Review Bills

- HB 219 – Would require PSC/NWE to conduct a net metering rate review with next rate case
- SB 7 – Require PSC to analyze and address NM cost shifts
- SB 78 – Require PSC to set new NM rate at avoided cost
Questions?