



Energy Task Force

*EO 6-2025 To Increase the Supply of Affordable and Reliable Energy Options.

Phase 1: Planning

Organization & Scheduling

September 22, 2025

- **Kickoff meeting.** Time to discuss interests, expectations, and timelines.
- Governor's welcome message.
- **Scheduling.** Make this work a priority over the next 4-6 weeks of meetings.
- **Communications.** Use of Team site, regular reporting, public comment.
- **Product development.** Discussion on a strategy using **Subgroups**:
 - Energy Generation
 - Growing Demand
 - Transmission and Markets
 - Themes to all three:
 - Consumer Perspectives
 - Energy Governance
 - Role in Regional Markets
 - National Best Practices/Innovation

Phase 2: Analysis

Research & Discussion

November-July, 2025-26

Product Development by Subgroup:

- **Problem Statement:** Prior to Oct. 16, each work group must develop a problem statement w/ priorities.
- **Deep Dive:** Explore Problem statement.
 - Identify Challenges addressed
 - Identify Current Barriers to addressing them
- **Key Strategies:** Include a brief rationale describing how recommendations will address challenges and barriers.
 - I.D. measures the Legislature could consider.
 - I.D. measures the Governor could sign into law.
 - I.D. regulatory changes and best practices that could be adopted by state agencies and local governments.
 - I.D. federal, state, local, and other governmental policies that inhibit energy development and the use of MT resources
- **Dissenting Opinions:** Capture all perspectives; including those where there is not consensus.

Phase 3: Reporting

Write and Submit Reports

July-September, 2026

Task Force Development of Outcomes:

- **I.D. recommendations and strategies** which state agencies may adopt through regulatory changes, the Legislature may enact into law, or local jurisdictions may adopt to specifically address:
 - a. Expanding energy generation in Montana.
 - b. Reforming energy regulations.

Submit a report focusing on:

- measures the Legislature could consider, and the Governor could sign into law.
- regulatory changes and best practices that could be adopted by state agencies and local governments.

'Measures' means state statutes (MCA), rules (ARM), all governments policies, and local ordinances.