Agenda for May 19, 2016

Morning session

7:30 – 8:30  Registration and Breakfast

8:30 – 9:15  Opening keynote: Montana Gov. Steve Bullock
Governor Bullock will outline his energy vision for Montana and look at how energy efficiency programs, renewable energy development and smart transmission can position Montana to take advantage of the new clean energy economy in the West.

9:15 – 10:45  Panel 1: Carbon emissions reduction opportunities
Our panelists will examine the electric-sector opportunities for building upon the current momentum for more affordable clean energy development in Montana.

Moderator: Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center
Panelist: Jim Morton, Human Resource Council, District XI
Panelist: Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest
Panelist: Ralph Cavanagh, Natural Resources Defense Council
Panelist: Michael Mullally, Puget Sound Energy

10:45 – 11:05  Networking break

11:05 – 12:35  Panel 2: Montana’s solar potential and policy environment
This panel will consider Montana’s current solar projects and policies, the potential for increased solar in the state, and lessons from around the region on solar and rate design.

Moderator: Chuck Magraw, Attorney at Law
Panelist: Ben Brouwer, Montana Renewable Energy Association
Panelist: Pat Corcoran, NorthWestern Energy
Panelist: Kathy Hadley, National Center for Appropriate Technology
Panelist: Dan Brandborg, SBS Solar

12:35 – 1:35  Lunch
Afternoon session

1:35 – 1:45  U.S. Sen. Jon Tester via video

1:45 – 2:55  Dialogue with Bob Rowe, President and CEO of NorthWestern Energy
The Coalition's Nancy Hirsh will host a question and answer session with Bob Rowe and the audience. Expect a lively discussion of topics covered in the day's panels as well as other timely issues.

2:55 – 3:15  Networking break

3:15 – 4:45  Panel 3: Energy efficiency in rural and other hard-to-reach markets
Panelists will discuss business opportunities for energy efficiency in rural areas, challenges for small utilities and co-ops, and strategies for delivering energy efficiency into hard-to-reach markets, such as low-income households.

Moderator: Pat Smith, Montana member, Northwest Power and Conservation Council
Panelist: Diane Yarus, Airworks
Panelist: Eugene Rosolie, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance
Panelist: Jim Maunder, Ravalli Electric Cooperative
Panelist: Lad Barney, USDA/REAP in Kalispell

5:00 – 7:00  Reception at the Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown

Agenda for May 20, 2016

8:30-9:30  State caucus meetings

9:30-11:30  Membership meeting

11:30-12:30  Low-income and Utility caucus meetings over Lunch

12:30-2:30  Board of Directors meeting