

NW Energy Coalition
Spring 2016 Clean & Affordable Energy Conference

Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown
200 South Pattee Street, Missoula

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***