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## **PSC Continues Call to Action on Energy Education and Conservation**

As part of its effort to help Montanans effectively deal with increasingly high utility bills, the Public Service Commission (PSC) will hear from various consumer groups, local government representatives, and energy experts on September 3 at 1:00 pm. Updated energy price projections and an analysis of current energy assistance programs top the agenda. The group will also discuss any needs not being met with the current slate of public and private programs. The public is also encouraged to participate. The meeting will be at the PSC offices, located at 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena.

“Since June, the PSC has been employing a variety of techniques to make the public aware of options for successfully contending with what could be record utility bills this heating season,” observed PSC Chairperson Greg Jergeson. “By hearing from consumers and local government officials, we will be able to determine how these programs are faring and if additional tools are needed. I’m especially interested in hearing about programs that are not necessarily needs-based, such as home energy audits, conservation rebates, and energy-related tax credits. Montana’s middle class has options for dealing with their energy bills too and we need to make sure those programs are well publicized,” he noted.

The group will also be exploring ways to continue getting the message out now about weatherization and other conservation practices, so that consumers will be better positioned to deal with higher utility bills during the upcoming heating season.

The September 3 meeting can be viewed live via the Internet at <http://psc.mt.gov/eDocs/#Calendars> and will also be archived for viewing later on the same site. A broadband Internet connection is required for video reception and 20K or higher is needed for audio reception.

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