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Interim Joint Commerce & Energy Committee to Meet

PIERRE – The House and Senate Commerce & Energy Committees will hold an interim joint meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, September 27 and 28, 2017, in Pierre. The meeting on Wednesday will begin at 10:00 AM (CT) in room 362 of the State Capitol. On Thursday, the members of the committee will travel to locations in eastern South Dakota.

The agenda for the Wednesday meeting includes a presentation by Secretary Andy Gerlach of the Department of Revenue on alcoholic beverage regulation in Title 35 of the South Dakota Codified Laws, tobacco taxes, the South Dakota Lottery, gaming, motor vehicle taxes and licensing, and e-commerce. Following lunch, the committee will receive a briefing from Commissioners Kristie Fiegen, Gary Hanson, and Chris Nelson of the Public Utilities Commission. The joint committee will also hear a briefing from Steve Willard, Executive Director of South Dakota Electric Utilities Companies.

Thursday's meeting includes travel from Pierre to Big Stone City for a tour of the Otter Tail Power Company Big Stone Plant, followed by travel to Huron for a tour of the NorthWestern Energy Operations Center. The joint committee will receive presentations on generation dispatch, cyber-security, and disaster recovery.

The joint committee meeting will be informational only and no legislative action will be taken. Public testimony will not be taken.

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This meeting is being held in a physically accessible location. Any individual needing assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the Legislative Research Council (605-773-3251) in advance of the meeting to make further arrangements.

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