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1. *Is your office developing or expanding energy-related job creation/economic development initiatives in response to the economic impact of COVID-19? And, are you targeting any hard-hit economic sectors such as travel, tourism, or restaurants? Please describe.*
 - The Montana Energy Office (MEO) does not currently have plans to develop or expand any energy-related job creation/economic development initiatives in response to the economic impact of COVID-19.
 2. *How is your office engaging on the recent FERC petition filed by the New England Rate Payers Association (NERA)?*
 - The MEO submitted comments urging FERC to re-affirm state jurisdiction over net metering programs and reject the petition, however MEO has not intervened in the docket. Montana's Attorney General also signed a letter with 16 state attorney's general opposing the petition.
 3. *Is your office engaged in any energy security/resilience activities with your state emergency management agency in light of the pending BRIC funding. And, are you engaged in any wildfire/utility discussions? Please describe.*
 - The MEO has not engaged in any energy security/resilience activities in light of the pending BRIC funding.
 - The MEO is reaching out to utilities in anticipation of fire season to better anticipate any energy supply impacts that could result from the utilities' emergency response plans.
 4. *What new energy legislation, executive orders, or regulations have been implemented in your state this year, and what implementation challenges are you facing?*
 - The MEO has acted in a supporting role to the Montana Climate Solutions Council. Montana Governor Steve Bullock issued an Executive Order establishing the Climate Solutions Council in 2019, which was tasked with providing recommendations and solutions to achieve an interim goal of net greenhouse gas neutrality for average annual electric loads in the state by no later than 2035 and a goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions economy-wide at a date to be determined by the Council, prepare the state for climate impacts, and address the needs of communities in transition through appropriate economic development and workforce strategies. Final recommendations are expected this summer.
 - The MEO has not experienced any implementation challenges as of yet.
 - The Montana Secretary of State recently published the final solar facility bonding and decommissioning rules in May, which amended existing rules that outlined bonding and decommissioning for wind facilities.
 - No additional funding was approved by the state legislature in support of staff time to implement this program. Additionally, the MEO has historically acted in a non-regulatory capacity, and implementing parts of this program, particularly calculating bonds, is outside of the MEO's area of expertise.