

January 10-11, 2008

**ITEM NO. 138-1501-R0108** **Approval to establish an Electrical Engineering Department at Montana Tech of The University of Montana**

**THAT:** The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana Tech of The University of Montana to establish an Electrical Engineering Department.

**EXPLANATION:** At the June 2006 meeting, the Board of Regents authorized Montana Tech of The University of Montana to offer Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Electrical Engineering (ITEM No. 130-1503-R0306). Formation of an Electrical Engineering Department would provide the structure to grow the programs to healthy and sustainable levels. Housing the Electrical Engineering programs within their own department would also be consistent with Montana Tech's current program-management structure.