

Annual General Meeting 2023

On April 6th, West Wetaskiwin REA held the 2023 Annual General Meeting, following a delicious dinner, at the Lone Ridge Community Hall. Following are excerpts from the President's Annual Report.

Year 2022

For the year 2022 the REA reports the following.

- New Services: 5
- Replacement Contracts: 9
- Dismantles: 1
- Upgrades/downgrades: 10
- Number of sites with meters: 944 total
- Bi-directional meters (micro-gen sites): 13

Board of Director Activities

Your Board of Directors held, and attended, the following meetings.

- Regular Meetings: 8
- Special Meetings: 11
- Meetings with Battle River Power Coop (BRPC): 2 meetings
- Total meetings attended by the Board: 23

Scholarships

The 2022 scholarship winners were Joel Turpin and Luke Fontaine. I want to remind members the annual deadline for scholarship applications is August 1.



A-Base Meter Changeover

To respond to advancing technology that allows for easier meter reading and communications, West Wetaskiwin REA embarked on an A-base meter replacement program. I am pleased to report that 36 meters were successfully replaced in 2022 further modernizing our distribution system. Your Board of Directors is focused on replacing a portion of the remaining A-base meters in the REA area each year until they are all modernized.



Vegetation Management

Annually, we address vegetation management both the comprehensive program to maintain a reliable system and the maintenance cost to do so. Later this evening Battle River Power Coop will be presenting a detailed report on this topic. For the 2023 year, the following areas are scheduled for patrol and vegetation management work.

Twp 45- Range 26 // Twp 46- Range 26

Twp 47- Range 25 // Twp 47- Range 24



For Power Troubles:

Battle River Power Coop (our distribution system operator)
Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972

For RRO Billing and Account Inquiries:

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For REA Inquiries, New Service and Service Change Requests:

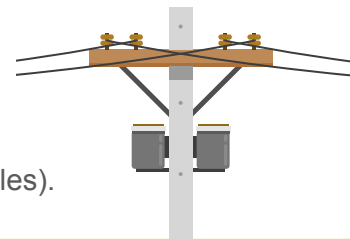
Contact West Wetaskiwin REA, RR #1
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For service requests: go to www.westwetaskiwinrea.com/new-or-changes-to-services.html

Power Pole Update

Keeping utility poles in shape is critical component of providing reliable electricity to members. This is accomplished in two parts – first, poles are tested and those requiring change out are identified and the Board budgets for replacements accordingly. In 2022, approximately 130 poles were identified and replaced (both transformer and standard poles).



Distribution Tariff

Our goal, as your Board of Directors, is to safeguard the future success of the West Wetaskiwin REA and to ensure our members receive reliable, cost efficient electricity delivery. During our strategic planning to meet those goals, the Board is considering an increase in the Distribution Tariff for 2023. We did not reach this conclusion lightly. We had to consider the increased vegetation management cost to retain system reliability and the increased cost for pole changes. The end result is a need for a fair increase to continue our financially stable status.

Wire Owner Agreement Renegotiation and FortisAlberta Application

We have reported on this application to the AUC by Fortis for rate increases they claim results partly from our intermingled systems. This would affect all REA's and their members and we have joined forces with fellow REAs and the Alberta Federation of REAs to dispute Fortis' claim. As a partner in the proceedings we receive regular updates from the Contract Policy Sub-Committee on the status of the application and accordingly pay towards the legal costs to argue this case and its premise. Legal fees to fight this case also increase our annual costs.

Updated Electric Service Contract Coming

Our ever changing industry has revealed gaps in our current Electric Service Contract (ESC) which need to be rectified. The ESC will be revised over the next year with the intent to have every member sign an up to date ESC once the new version is finalized.



Distribution Tariff Update

As outlined in the President's Report and presented to the members at the AGM, the Board has determined that an increase would be required in the Distribution Tariff (DT) to maintain annual operations for the REA to provide safe, reliable electricity delivery to members. Additionally substantive legal costs are being incurred for external influences, namely to intervene in FortisAlberta's application to change the terms in the renegotiation of Wire Owner Agreements, an action if approved would substantially increase member costs. The Board of Directors determined a nominal 5% increase would apply as follows.

Breaker Size	DT Effective June 26, 2023
IDLE	\$41.00
3 KVA (25/41)	\$52.45
5 KVA (35/50)	\$63.99
7.5 KVA (50/75)	\$78.41
10 KVA (75/110; 80)	\$92.83
15 KVA (100/150; 100)	\$121.67
25 KVA (150)	\$179.21

Regulated
Rate
Option



The Regulated Rate Option (RRO) may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. It is not a 'regulated' rate, rather is a default rate. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you are on the RRO. For April 2023, the RRO is priced at \$0.15633 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For May 2023, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate is \$0.14207.

Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).