



Celebrating 70 years

FENN REA Annual General Meeting - March 31, 2021.

President Jarmin began the meeting with greetings and introductions and presented the following report.

The past year has been quiet in regard to changes within our REA. The membership has remained steady. Our group remaining loyal to the REA and its principles.

We continue to enjoy our partnerships with Battle River Power Co-Op (BRPC) and the Alberta Federation Of Rural Electrification Associations (AFREA). BRPC continues to supply us with our regulated rate energy supply, also generating our monthly billing and maintaining our receivables. We have enjoyed a roughly 6¢ per kilowatt energy price throughout 2020.

AFREA leads us in our efforts to influence government about the importance of REA's as a benchmark for energy supply in Alberta. REA's play a unique and important role in the distribution of electricity! By being not-for-profit organizations, we also show the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) that the Investor Owned Utilities (IOU) are far more interested in the benefits of their shareholders than the consumers in our province.

As members of an REA we can contribute to the efforts of the group by lobbying our MLA, Mr. Nate Horner for support and legislative change. Contact your board of directors for more information.

Our in person meetings have been nil, due to government restrictions and in the interest of staying healthy and limiting the pressure on our health

care system. Your Board of Directors has not been idle, however. I have fielded approximately 200 e-mails, learned how to Zoom, Google Meet and conference call. As it is with life... COVID forces us to embrace change.

Have any of you visited our website?

Our website was launched on Mar. 23, 2018. You can find various news articles there and bulletins regarding our community and REA. Just Google us or enter <www.fennrea.com>.

Our REA was registered with the rural utilities branch of the Alberta government on July 9, 1951. That makes this our 70th anniversary! We are proud to be the owners of an operating electrical distribution system. Over 120km of line strung over nearly 1300 poles. Our outages are minimal due to the quality of our system and the diligence of our wire system operator, ATCO Electric.

ACTO was unable to attend our AGM due to current government restrictions. We would be glad to liaison any questions you have for them.

Again, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you for attending our AGM. I would be glad answer any questions.

Philip Jarmin
President, FENN REA

For power outages, emergency power troubles and service requests, contact the distribution system operator for
FENN REA: **ATCO Electric**
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Safety Tips for Electrical Safety

With spring just around the corner and equipment moves inevitable, FENN REA encourages members to plan ahead when working around power lines and follow these steps.

1 Know your limits when working around power infrastructure. Stay seven to ten meters (23-33 feet), depending on voltage, away from power lines and equipment. Pay special attention when operating grain augers, air seeders, lifting truck boxes or operating back hoes.

2 Check the height of your equipment. Know the height to ensure you can cross safely under power lines and be aware that newer equipment may be higher. If equipment is higher than 4.1 metres (13.5 feet) or you COULD come closer to the minimum distance when working, contact the FENN REA system operator, ATCO, and request assistance (1-855-277-1670).

3 Plan before you move high equipment. If you are unsure about crossing under or working in close proximity to a power line, call our system operator ATCO for assistance.

4 Call before you dig. Before digging or installing underground facilities, call Alberta One Call (1-800-242-3447) to request an underground locate. Underground facilities may be closer to the surface than you think.

5 Downed power lines and exposed underground cables may be energized powerlines. Stay at least 10 metres (33 feet) away and warn others of the danger.

6 Shuffle or Hop, Don't Step. If machinery you're operating contacts an energized line, move it away from the line to break contact. If you can't move, remain in the machine and call 911 or ATCO's emergency line (1-800-668-5506) and wait for help. If there is a fire and you can't remain on the machine, jump out and land on both feet. **Hop or shuffle ensuring the heel of one foot never passes the toe of the other.** Don't touch anything (machine or passengers) until you are clear or 10 meters away. Once clear, call 911 or ATCO's emergency number and remain a safe distance until help arrives.

Remember working around powerlines is dangerous – plan your moves, know your limits and look up and around all day/every day.



Hop or shuffle away from an energized line until you are 10 metres (33 feet) away

Regulated Rate Option (RRO)

The RRO rate 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. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you receive the default RRO rate.

For March 2021, the RRO is priced at \$0.06763 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For April 2021, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate for FENN REA members is \$0.08434. The RRO rate is also listed on www.fennrea.com.

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).

Information on FENN REA's Code of Conduct Compliance Plan can be found on our website: www.fennrea.com