

# FENN RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ASSOCIATION

## **NEWSLETTER**

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

FENN Rural Electrification Association (REA) will be holding this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on

Monday, March 25, 2024.

Location: Big Valley Royal Canadian Legion Hall

Main Street, Big Valley, Alberta

5:00pm: Registration & Meet Your Directors

6:00pm: Dinner

7:00pm: AGM

As an REA member you have the privilege of being able to attend your co-operative's AGM, held in your service area.

The AGM is the perfect time to network with both fellow members and your Board of Directors to discuss topics that are important to you as a member.

#### The AGM will include:

**President's Annual Report –** tabled by President Philip Jarmin

**Financial Report –** audited financials will be presented

**Vote** – as REA members you have the right to vote on identified agenda items

Not only is this a time to connect with other REA members, it's an opportunity to learn about the current issues that may be affecting your REA and to vote on items that may impact its future.



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

Phone toll-free: 1-800-668-2248

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### Responding to power line contacts

Contact with power lines is 100 per cent preventable when you plan ahead, know the size of your equipment and watch for lines. But if you do happen to contact a power line with your equipment, ATCO has these steps to follow to avoid injury or death.

- **Break the contact.** Do what you can to break the electrical circuit. When possible, move the arm of your sprayer or auger, or whatever is touching the line, away from the line.
- Remain in your vehicle and keep others away. If you can't break the contact and there are no other hazards impacting your safety, stay in your vehicle, keep others away and call for help.
- Call for help. Call 911 to report the incident. Utility crew(s) will be notified and dispatched so they can isolate and ground the line to make it safe to work in the area of the accident.

If you must exit your vehicle, follow these steps to stay safe:

- Call for help. Call 911 before exiting the vehicle if possible.
- Open the door to your vehicle as wide as possible. You do this to avoid making contact with it when exiting.
- Jump from your vehicle, landing with both feet together. When jumping, make sure you don't touch the door or any other part of the vehicle and ground at the same time. When jumping, try to keep your arms close to your side to avoid accidently contacting the vehicle.
- Shuffle or hop, don't step. After you jump, shuffle or hop at least 10 meters (33 feet) away. If shuffling, make sure the heel of one foot never passes the toe of the other. If hopping, keep both feet together. Don't touch anything (vehicle, passengers, items on the ground near the vehicle) until you're clear (minimally 10 meters away) from the vehicle. Don't return to your vehicle or the area around it until help arrives and the respective area is deemed safe.

For a video outlining more details on these guidelines visit: <a href="https://electric.atco.com/en-ca/safety/powerline-safety.html">https://electric.atco.com/en-ca/safety/powerline-safety.html</a>



Hop or shuffle away from an energized line until you are 10 meters (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 February 2024, the RRO is priced at \$0.15338 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For March 2024, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate for FENN REA members is \$0.10409. The RRO rate is also listed on www.fennrea.com.

Members are free to purchase natural gas services or 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).