

# FENN RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ASSOCIATION

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### Notice of Annual General Meeting



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 an opportunity 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

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### Power Pole Safety in Winter

Power pole and power line safety in Alberta during the winter extends to driving, especially considering the challenging weather conditions that can be encountered. Snow, ice, and freezing temperatures can create additional hazards on the roads, and it's important to be aware of potential risks associated with power poles and lines. Here are some safety tips for drivers during the Alberta winter:

#### **Stay Informed:**

Pay attention to weather forecasts and road condition updates before embarking on a journey. Being aware of current conditions can help you plan your route and take necessary precautions.

#### **Maintain a Safe Distance:**

Be cautious when driving near power lines and poles, especially during winter storms. Snow and ice accumulation can cause power lines to sag or break. Maintain a safe distance to reduce the risk of contact with power lines.

#### Watch for Downed Lines:

In the event of a winter storm or severe weather, power lines may come down due to ice or snow accumulation. If you encounter a downed power line while driving, stay inside your vehicle, keep a safe distance, and report it immediately to emergency services and the local utility company.

#### **Avoid Snowplow Contact:**

Snowplows and other heavy equipment used for winter maintenance can come into contact with power lines. Drivers should exercise caution and follow road safety guidelines, and operators of such equipment should be aware of the location of power lines to avoid potential accidents.

#### **Steer Clear of Damaged Poles:**

If you come across a damaged or leaning power pole, avoid parking or stopping in close proximity. Damaged poles may pose a risk of falling, especially during winter storms with heavy snow or ice loads.

#### **Report Issues:**

If you observe any issues with power poles or lines while driving, report them promptly to the local utility company. Do not attempt to address electrical problems on your own.

#### **Be Cautious Around Utility Crews:**

During winter storms, utility crews may be working to repair and maintain power lines. Be cautious when driving near these crews, adhere to road signs and signals, and follow any directions given by workers to ensure safety for all.

#### **Emergency Preparedness:**

Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle, including items such as a flashlight, blankets, non-perishable food, and a first aid kit. In the event of a power outage or vehicle-related issue, these supplies can be crucial.

Winter driving in Alberta demands extra caution, and being mindful of power poles and lines is an integral part of ensuring road safety. By staying informed, maintaining safe distances, and reporting issues promptly, drivers can contribute to a safer winter driving experience for themselves and others on the road.



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 January 2024, the RRO is priced at \$0.14518 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For February 2024, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate for FENN REA members is \$0.15338. 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 <u>ucahelps.alberta.ca</u> or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).