

Regulated Rate Option Update

The Regulated Rate Option (RRO) is actually a default rate applicable to Albertans without an electricity contract. It is important to understand that the RRO is reflective of the current price to purchase electricity and it may increase or decrease from one month to the next.

In 2017, the previous government implemented an RRO rate cap of 6.8 cents/kWh. As of November 30, 2019, the RRO price cap is no longer in effect after the Government of Alberta eliminated the cap with the passing of legislation included in Bill 21 (An Act to Cap Regulated Electricity Rates).

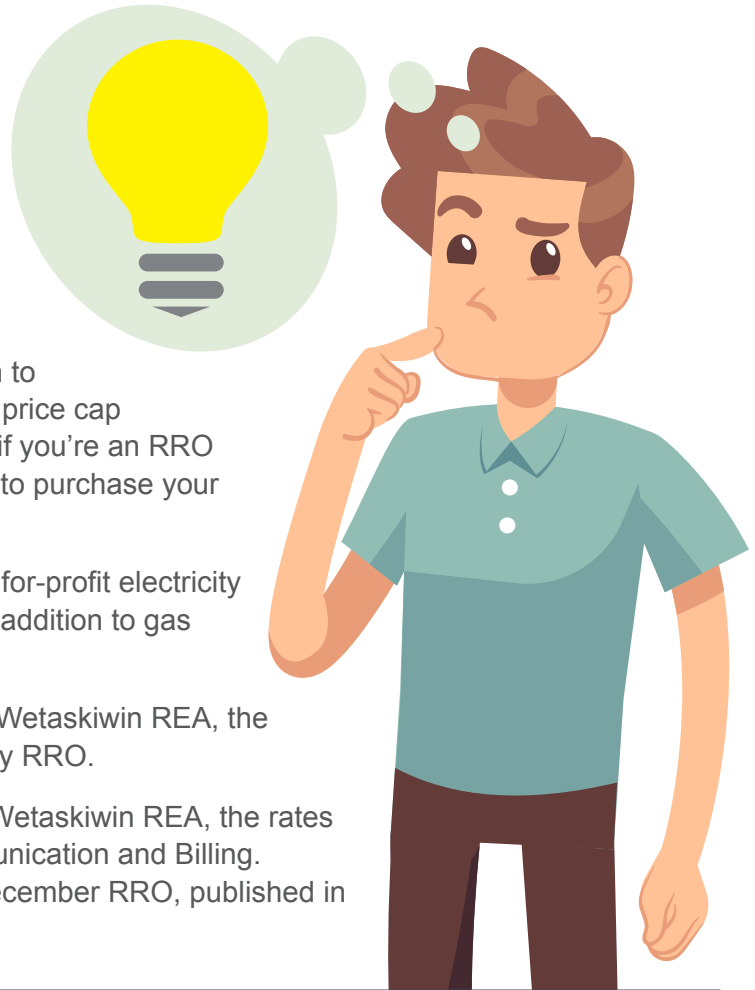
The current government explains that the price cap program implemented in 2017 by the previous government was designed to protect Albertans from volatile electricity prices while the province transitioned to a capacity market for electricity.

With the current government's decision to halt the transition to a capacity market and maintain an energy only market, the price cap is no longer needed. The government further confirms that if you're an RRO customer, you may remain on the regulated rate or choose to purchase your electricity from a competitive retailer serving your area.

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) regulates Alberta's for-profit electricity providers and certain municipally owned electric utilities, in addition to gas and water utilities operating in Alberta.

With some Rural Electrification Associations, like the West Wetaskiwin REA, the contracted RRO provider establishes the respective monthly RRO.

As Battle River Power Coop is the RRO provider for West Wetaskiwin REA, the rates are determined in accordance with our Cooperative Communication and Billing Agreement. With the passing of Bill 21, you will note the December RRO, published in the last newsletter, was changed. See notation below.



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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 December 2019, pursuant to the passing of Bill 21, **the RRO was re-priced at \$0.06899 per kWh**, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For January 2020, the REA monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.07100.

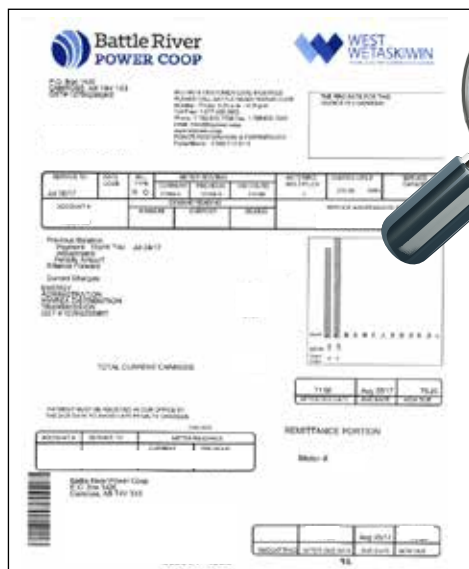
For power troubles or service requests, contact: FortisAlberta (the distribution system operator for West Wetaskiwin REA): Toll-free: 1-855-333-9473 or 780-310-9473

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Understanding Your Monthly Bill

For this article, we are using the monthly bill for the RRO which is managed for West Wetaskiwin REA by Battle River Power Coop. The details of charges would be applicable to all monthly invoices; they simply might be listed differently.



In the top section, you will find your billing address account number, the current and previous meter read, the kWh hours used, the electricity rate and the service address site ID.

In the middle section you will find the charges for the month and, if applicable, details on any previous balances/ payments. See below for greater detail. You will also see a chart reflecting the last 12 month's usage.

The bottom remittance portion provides details on amount due and the due date, in addition to your account information.

ENERGY:

This line item reflects the cost of energy used within the billing cycle and varies based on consumption and the current cost of the energy. Billing cycle details are located in the top section of the bill.

ADMINISTRATION

This fee covers the costs for billing and services associated with billing.

DISTRIBUTION

The Distribution Tariff, established annually by the Board of Directors, covers the costs of the annual contract with our distribution system operator required to maintain West Wetaskiwin REA's distribution system including new construction, ongoing maintenance and power restoration.

TRANSMISSION

Transmission charges are based on consumption and reflect all supplemental transmission related fees such as the Quarterly Adjustment Riders, etc. in a single line. Transmission rates are approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission. This amount must be collected by the Distribution System Operator (West Wetaskiwin REA via monthly bill sent by Battle River Power Coop) and paid to the Transmission Facility Operators – no portion of this fee accrues to West Wetaskiwin REA or Battle River Power Coop.

LOAD SETTLEMENT:

This is the fee charged by FortisAlberta as the Load Settlement Agent (LSA). The load settlement calculation accounts for the hourly energy consumed by customers of each retailer, including West Wetaskiwin REA. No portion of this fee accrues to the REA.

The reverse side of the bill has other information such as contact details, payment instructions and additional charges information, in addition to data on monthly charges.

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 West Wetaskiwin's Code of Conduct Regulation Compliance Plan can be found on our website: www.westwetaskiwinrea.com