



Keep Your Contact Information Current

Your contact information is utilized for many reasons including:

- sending your monthly invoices,
- forwarding information and reporting on items of interest in the monthly newsletter,
- advising you of pertinent data relating to your account, and
- communicating about potentially time sensitive or crucial details regarding your REA.

If you have had any changes to phone number or mailing address or wish to add other contact details to your account such as an additional telephone/cell contact number, a new email address or add your current email address to your account, and/or there are any changes in your land title, please contact Battle River Power Coop Utility Billing & Member Services (see below).

If you are unsure of what information is currently associated with your account the Member Services Team would be more than happy to review your details with you. They can be contacted as follows.

Battle River Power Coop Member Services

Telephone: 1-877-428-3972

Email: brpower.coop



Mark Your Calendars for the FENN REA Annual General Meeting



While there are many advantages of being a member of a locally-owned, cooperative utility, your FENN REA, one key privilege is the opportunity to attend your Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The AGM provides reports on the REA and gives members time to meet with their Board of Directors, fellow members who live, work and play in the communities the REA serves.

This year's AGM will take place on March 18, 2019 at the Fenn Community Hall with a scheduled start time of 7:30 pm.

Members are encouraged to attend to meet and mingle with other members and Directors and learn more about FENN REA.

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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Snowmobiles and Guy-Wires Caution

There is nothing like hitting the snow on a clear Alberta day with family and friends and with all the wide open spaces our province has to offer, it might seem like the space is unlimited – but it is not. There are rules and traffic regulations to be followed regarding where you can ride (see right) and regulations and cautions that must be followed to enjoy the sport.



There are provincial and national associations for snowmobilers that provide tips for safe rides, but FENN REA would like to caution snowmobilers about guy-wires (see right). Depending on where you are riding, you may encounter free standing structures, including utility poles, with guy-wires.

It is important to **'know where you go'** and be aware of areas that may include guy-wires so on sunny days where glare can affect vision or snowy days when visibility is poor, you remember to look out for guy-wires and stay clear or slow down around them. It is also important to note that depending on the machine, when a driver may be able to pass under the wire, a passenger who might be slightly elevated would not.

What is a guy-wire?

A guy-wire is a tensioned cable designed to add stability to a free-standing structure, like utility poles, to assist in supporting loads and eliminating ground movement. The lower end, where the cable enters the ground, is often encased in a length of yellow or orange plastic reflector to make it more visible so that people or vehicles do not run into it.

However, not all guy-wires on free standing poles or structures may have reflectors and depending on snow depth and weather conditions these guy-wires, with and without reflectors, may not be clearly visible.

Riding in Alberta

In Alberta, snowmobiles are considered 'off-highway vehicles' and there are guidelines in the Traffic Safety Act that define their area of operation. In Alberta, the Act (visit www.transportation.alberta.ca for full details) prohibits operation on highways, roads and ditches except where a municipality, through a bylaw, authorizes such vehicles along any portion of a highway.

The caution here is that the definition of "highway" includes the ditches alongside the roadway where many utility poles, with guy-wires, are located.

However, free-standing structures with guy-wires can also be located along cut lines, pipe line routes, in fields, and construction areas that are accessible to snowmobiles and may or may not have reflectors.

So stay safe and stay clear of guy-wires!

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 December 2018, the RRO is priced at \$0.06800 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For January 2019, the Battle River Power Coop monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.07312; the billing rate charged to FENN REA members is \$0.06800. The RRO rate is also listed on www.fennrea.com.

The delivery of electricity to you is not affected by your choice. If you change who you purchase electricity services from, you will continue receiving electricity from the distribution company in your service area.

For information about the electricity industry and for a list of Alberta licensed retailers, visit the Utilities Consumer Advocate at www.ucahelps.alberta.ca or call toll free 310-4822. For a list of retailers registered within the FENN REA area visit: www.fennrea.com.

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