

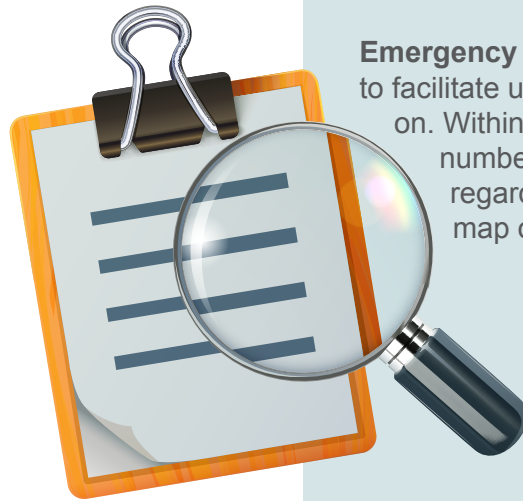
# Distribution Tariff

## What's it all About?

There are three components to the delivery of electricity in Alberta: generation, transmission and distribution. Distribution charges cover the cost of moving electricity from transmission lines through lower voltage lines to the end user. Distribution charges invariably are higher for rural Albertans versus urban dwellers because of lower population density and longer distances between end-user sites.

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) regulates distribution rates for the large for-profit utility corporations, municipally owned electric utility rates are approved by local municipal governments and Rural Electrification Associations (REAs) have Boards, elected by their members, which approve Distribution Tariffs (DT) on behalf of those members. The DT covers many facets of the delivery and management of the REA including, but not limited to:

Our goal, as your Board of Directors, is to safeguard the future success of the West Wetaskiwin REA and to ensure our members receive reliable, cost efficient electricity delivery. In establishing the current DT we had to consider the increased vegetation management cost to retain system reliability and the increased cost for pole changes and legal fees. The end result was the need for a fair increase to continue our financially stable status. That increase is 5% and reflected in the table on the following page.



**Emergency response** from powerline technicians to facilitate unplanned repairs to keep the power on. Within this activity is the 24-hour toll free number to respond to calls from members regarding outages, etc., and the outage map on the website [www.brpower.coop](http://www.brpower.coop).

**Ongoing repairs and maintenance** keeps the system in sound working order. This includes activities like pole testing and pole replacement on a regular basis. Currently this occurs on a rotational basis, pole testing in an area in one year determines how many replacements will be required the following year.

**Vegetation management** is a critical activity to keep our system reliable and we continue to work with our system operator to find ways to keep this cost as low as possible.

**Board of Director and administrative expenses** to manage the REA. Directors incur costs when meeting regularly to make decisions on behalf of the REA and to attend external meetings and events. Administration includes work fulfilled by the office manager and regular office expenses including phone and website.

**Professional fees** are a budget line item and include the annual audit and financial reporting, miscellaneous communications support and currently the additional legal costs to counter the application to the AUC by Fortis for rate increases they claim results partly from our intermingled systems.

# West Wetaskiwin REA Distribution Tariff (DT) – Effective July 1, 2024

Breaker Size	Current DT	DT Effective July 1, 2024**
IDLE	\$41.00	\$43.05
3 KVA (25/41)	\$52.45	\$55.07
5 KVA (35/50)	\$63.99	\$67.19
7.5 KVA (50/75)	\$78.41	\$82.33
10 KVA (75/110; 80)	\$92.83	\$97.47
15 KVA (100/150; 100)	\$121.67	\$127.76
25 KVA (150)	\$179.21	\$188.17

\* The extra charge for demand sites if they go over 25 kVA is \$4.44 per kVA over 25.

\*\*Note: Distribution Tariffs are subject to change