



Keep Your Contact Information Current



Your contact information is utilized for many reasons: to send your monthly invoices, to forward information and report on items of interest in the monthly newsletter, to advise you of pertinent data relating to your account, and other potentially time sensitive or crucial details regarding the 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: additional telephone/cell contact number, a new email address or add your current email address to your account, and/or any changes in your land title please contact us at 780-335-9378 (WEST).

Additionally, if you are unable to locate your REA contract to confirm what information you have provided, please let us know and we can facilitate forwarding a new one.

And, just a reminder regarding responsibility for the REA service, it is important to note that regardless of whether you are renting property or farmland, or a residence or building, the landowner is the official member-owner of the REA service and therefore is the individual responsible for ensuring account information is up to date.



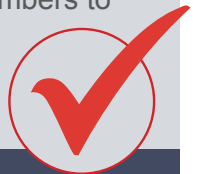
Call Out for Directors

The success of any organization depends on the commitment, experience and integrity of its Directors and employees.

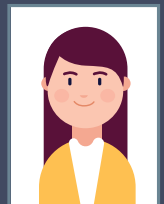
That is very true of a cooperative, because Directors of the Board are also members, as is the case with West Wetaskiwin REA. Unlike large corporate utility companies, the Directors of the REA actually live, work and play in the communities we serve.

It is important to know that knowledge of the power industry is not a critical component to be a Director. We are looking for individuals who believe in the cooperative principles and who have skillsets that they can call on to be a contributing member of the Board.

At the AGM this spring, two Director positions will be available and we encourage members to consider putting their name forward. To be eligible for election as a Director of West Wetaskiwin REA, a member:



1. Must be 18 years of age;
2. Have an interest in land; and
3. Be a member in good standing.



For members who may be interested in standing as a Director for the REA, information on the nomination process and the role of a WW REA Director can be found on our website: www.westwetaskiwinrea.com

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

For REA inquiries contact: West Wetaskiwin REA R.R. #1 Station Main, Wetaskiwin, Alberta T9A 1W8 Phone: 780-335-9378 (WEST) E-mail: westwet@telus.net www.westwetaskiwinrea.com

For billing or account inquiries contact: Battle River Power Coop Box 1420 Camrose, Alberta T4V 1X3 Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972 E-mail: brpc@brpower.coop www.brpower.coop

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 the West Wetaskiwin 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. So stay safe and stay clear of guy-wires!

Where to Ride 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 (see below for link) states:

Prohibited Operation: An off-highway vehicle may not be operated on any highway, road or ditch unless permission has been expressly granted. In the case of a provincial highway, the Minister may by “order” or “permit” authorize such vehicles along any portion of a highway (Traffic Safety Act, Section 120(4)(a)(i) & (ii)). In the case of a municipality, the council of a municipality may, through bylaw, authorize such vehicles along any portion of a highway (Traffic Safety Act, Section 120(4)(b)). Note: Definition of “highway” includes the ditches alongside the roadway.

What is a guy-wire?

A guy-wire is a tensioned cable designed to add stability to a free-standing structure. Some utility poles buried in the ground have sufficient strength to stand on their own; but others need guy-wires to support loads and to resist 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 for 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.

www.transportation.alberta.ca/Content/docType41/Production/small_vehicle_booklet_final.pdf

Regulated
Rate
Option



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 2018, RRO is priced at \$0.06800 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange 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 WW REA members is \$0.06800.

It is very important to note that your electrical distribution system provider will always be the West Wetaskiwin REA, regardless of who supplies your electricity. Members will not be disadvantaged in any way based on their retailer choice.

For a list of energy retailers, contact the Utilities Consumer Advocate: 310-4-UCA (310-4822) or www.ucahelps.alberta.ca. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you are on the default Regulated Rate Option (RRO). The RRO rate is listed on www.westwetaskiwinrea.com

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