



Mark your calendars!



*The West Wetaskiwin REA will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Tuesday, March 20, 2018.***

Location:

The Lakedell Ag Society
& Community Center
461043 Range Road 12
Westerose, Alberta
Tel: (780) 586-2505

**Registration & Meet
Your Directors:**

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Dinner & AGM*:

7:00 pm

**Note: The Annual General Meeting is open to West Wetaskiwin REA members in good standing. If you are unsure whether you have a current contract, please contact the REA.*

Ticket Information:

Tickets for the AGM and dinner are \$15.00 per person and may be purchased through the REA office (Tel: 780-335-9378) or by contacting any Director (Director contact info can be found on www.westwetaskiwinrea.com).

To ensure adequate seating and food, members are requested to confirm attendance and purchase tickets by Saturday, March 17, 2018.

As members of a local cooperative power provider, you have the privilege of attending the Annual General Meeting which is held in the REA service area.

The AGM is an ideal event for members to connect with their Directors and to learn about the challenges and success of their REA.

Additionally this is the opportunity for members to vote for Directors they feel will work in the best interests of the REA.

Agenda items for the AGM will include:

- Annual financial report presented by our accounting firm, MNP
- Annual Chair Report presented by Chair Dean Knoll
- Overview of the 2018/19 Operating Budget presented by Secretary Jean-Ann Sjolín
- Nomination and election of Directors

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

Paying Your Bill And Keeping Your Account In Good Standing Is Easy!

In this day and age of hectic daily schedules and/or extended travel plans, for members that are on the Regulated Rate Option (supplied by Battle River Power Coop under the Cooperative Communication and Billing Agreement) the following options are available for ease of payment.

✓ Sign up for Pre-authorized Withdrawals (PAWs). Battle River Power Coop will be pleased to assist you in setting up PAWs for monthly bill payments. Simply call BRPC toll-free (1-877-428-3972) and they will forward the forms to begin PAWs. This way whether you are travelling or in the middle of a heavy work month, your payment is processed.

✓ You may set up Preauthorized Debit for Credit Cards on a personal credit card.

✓ You may pay your monthly bill when you do your regular banking.



✓ Finally, you may forward your monthly payment via mail: Battle River Power Coop, Box 1420, Camrose, Alberta T4V 1X3

Who is responsible for the REA service?

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 the timely payment of monthly bills.

Additionally in the event of a sale or land transfer, the current member is financially responsible until the land title is officially transferred.

Once again, for services who are on the RRO, under the new billing system, both the renter and landowner will receive a copy of the monthly billing.

While in most cases a renter is responsible for payment of utility bills, a copy of the monthly bill will also be forwarded to the landowner. This change ensures that WW REA fulfills our obligation to our members/title holders to keep them advised of the current status of both the service and utility billing on their site.

Urban/Rural Annexation Update

On January 25 and 26, 2018, WW REA attended the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) Proceeding 22164 – both Chairman Dean Knull and Secretary Jean-Anne Sjolín were present with Secretary Sjolín sitting as a member of the hearing panel that provided oral testimony.

Five REAs, including West Wetaskiwin REA, and the Alberta Federation of REAs made presentations and responded to questioning at the Proceeding.

At the conclusion, the parties were informed that there were outstanding items between two of the participants that required a ruling, prior to the AUC addressing the issue at the heart of this proceeding. It is anticipated that a decision might be forthcoming in the next 30-90 days and we will keep members informed.



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 January, 2018 RRO is priced at \$0.04763 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For February, 2018 the RRO is priced at \$0.05081 per kWh.

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