

Fenn REA President, Phil Jarmin's Message to the Membership

The past year has been quiet in regard to changes within our REA. The membership has remained steady. Our group remaining loyal to the REA and its principles.

Our website was launched on March 23, 2018. You can find various news articles there and bulletins regarding our community and REA. Have you visited?

You may be getting a visit from spray crews this summer, as your REA works to maintain the reliability of your system by spraying the trees under the power lines. This avoids more costly cutting and piling of mature trees in the future. The costs for spraying are covered by our pooled operation and maintenance account.

For those of us who are buying our electricity through the regulated rate option, we have seen several times where the price rose to unaffordable levels this past year. Our government is encouraging us to enrol in fixed rate contracts. There is also news of new gas fired generation coming on stream. Which will cause more competition and hopefully lower prices for the consumers.

Our government has mandated that our province's electricity needs be met by 30% renewable energy sources by the year 2030. Those renewable energy sources are primarily wind and solar energy generators. With that comes the problem of; where will our electricity come from when the wind doesn't blow or the sun doesn't shine? (Like in January when we were asked to turn off our lights and TV's or else) Renewable energy remains a monumental challenge for the entire electrical industry.

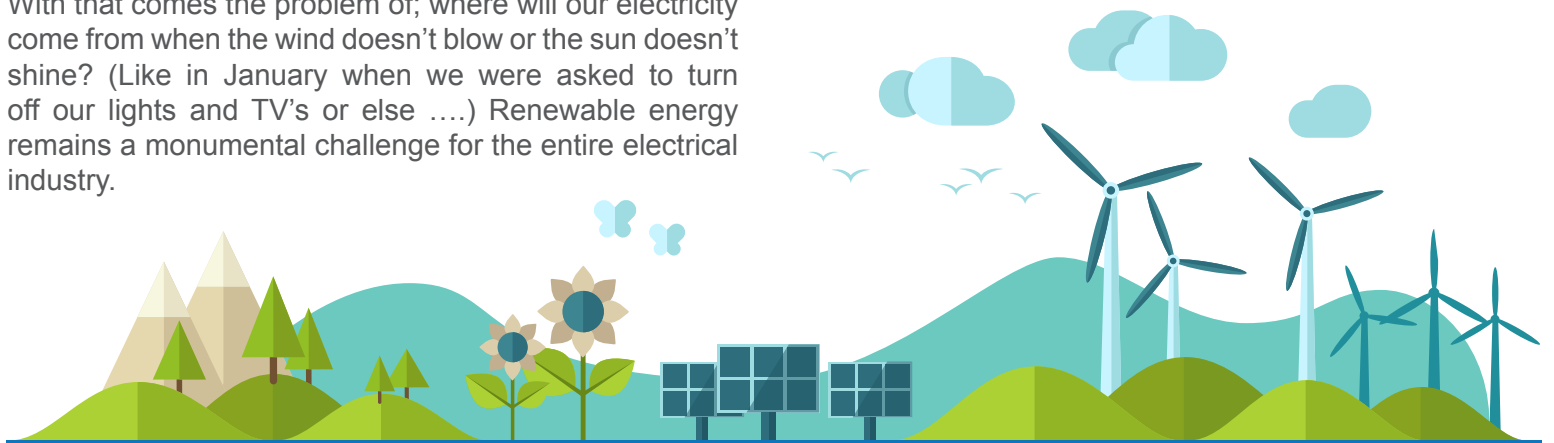
Our Federation of REA's has been investigating a captive insurance program on behalf of the REA's. This would provide insurance for our lines in the event of a catastrophic loss. (Wind, fire, ice storm) The directorship has spent time investigating the worth of this project for our REA. The results are not yet final.

I was able to attend the Federation of REA's annual general meeting and conference this year. It was again, invigorating to talk and interact with so many like minded individuals. The REA movement is alive and well in Alberta. With great minds to help it along.

It seems the AFREA has had to become more and more involved with government. Their role as ambassadors to the REA cause is increasingly important to our survival. We all want to keep our REA's, and the federation is working hard on our behalf to do so.

Our REA is running smoothly with ATCO working for us. We, as the board of directors, do our best to control costs and give the membership good value for their dollar. If you have any questions, please reach out any time.

Philip Jarmin, President



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What Are Galloping Lines?

When strong winds blow across power lines, they can cause the lines to lift and bounce, a phenomenon known as galloping. This movement puts additional stress on poles and crossarms, which can sometimes result in breakage.

Galloping lines can occur at any time of year, but they are most common when there's a heavy buildup of freezing rain, ice, or frost. While transmission lines are designed to handle galloping, extreme weather can still lead to significant damage.

If you encounter galloping lines, make sure to stay clear. Falling ice or equipment from the lines can pose serious dangers.



To report a power outage or check for planned or unplanned outages, visit brpower.coop/outages.



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 June 2024, the RRO is priced at \$0.10182 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For July 2024, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate for FENN REA members is \$0.13178. The RRO rate is also listed on www.fennrea.com.

Members are free to purchase natural gas services or 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).