



Battle River POWER COOP

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WIN A MEAL TO THE FIELD



Battle River Power Coop is pleased to announce our Meal to the Field Contest for 2024. Let us help make a harvesting day a little easier by delivering a meal right to your field.



Meal to the Field Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Account #: _____

Phone #: _____

How to enter:

Mail the form to: Box 1420, Camrose, AB T4V 1X3 (Attention: Nansee)

Complete form on website: www.brpower.coop/about-us/our-community/meal-to-the-field/

Fax to: 780.672.7969

Scan and email to: nansee.hughes@brpower.coop

Drop off at the office – we'd love to see you!

By submitting this entry you agree to the contest rules as follows:

- I. Contest is open to members in good standing of Battle River Power Coop
- II. Limited to one entry per member
- III. By entering, the winner agrees to the use of their name, address and photo by Battle River Power Coop in various communication channels without compensation

Entering the contest is easy – complete and submit the entry form above or from our website: www.brpower.coop/about-us/our-community/meal-to-the-field/. Contest includes 10 Meals to the Field for six people each.

Delivery times are Monday-Friday: late morning to mid-afternoon.

Deadline is Friday, August 23, 2024 – so don't delay – enter NOW!

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Bill Klassen: CEO Report 2024 AGM

On June 25th, Battle River Power Coop hosted our Annual General Meeting for 2024, a significant milestone as we celebrate Battle River Power Coop's 75th year of service to our membership and community. It is with immense pride and gratitude that we observe and reflect on our journey, from our humble beginnings to the present day.



CEO Bill Klassen

Under the theme "Battle River Power Coop 75th Anniversary: Then & Now," we honor our rich history while embracing the challenges and opportunities of the present. As we look back on 75 years of service, we recognize the remarkable progress we have made, guided by our enduring commitment to affordability,

sustainability, and reliability. The highest tribute we can offer to our predecessors, who started the REA journey, is to thrive 75 years later.

From our humble beginnings Battle River Power Coop has evolved into an independent self-operating organization while staying true to our founding principles of cooperation and community. As we navigate the challenges of today and the future, we remain committed to ensuring that our rural Alberta members have access to reliable and affordable energy solutions.

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Throughout the past fiscal year, we have witnessed significant shifts in our utility billing mix, with over 60% of our members opting for the stability of the Battle River Rural Energy Division fixed energy contract. This transition reflects our members' confidence in our ability to provide stable, cost-effective solutions amidst market volatility and uncertainty.

As we navigate the uncertainties of the energy market, we remain committed to prudent fiscal management and strategic decision-making. The Board of Directors' foresight in approving affordable hedges has enabled us to mitigate risks, maintain stability, while ensuring the continued prosperity of our cooperative.

However, our journey has not been without its challenges. Rising materials, labor, and equipment costs, coupled with the evolving needs of hardening the electrical grid, are presenting opportunities for Battle River Power to be prudent and strategic. Through collaboration and

innovation, we will continue to overcome any future challenges, emerging stronger and more resilient than ever before.

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As we celebrate our 75th year, we extend our deepest gratitude to the resolute individuals who have been instrumental in our success. Over seventy members have contributed to the Board of Directors since the inception of the self-Operating Battle River Power Coop, not including the predecessors of the legacy REAs Boards. From the visionary founders of the REAs and the ensuing Boards of Directors, to our hardworking staff and committed members, all have played an integral role in shaping the legacy of Battle River Power Coop.

To our extraordinary Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Executive, Board of Directors, our staff both in office and in the field, as well as our member-owners, who contribute to our cooperative's success, we express our deepest appreciation.

Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our commitment to unlocking the true potential of Battle River Power Coop. Guided by our founding principles of cooperation and community, we will continue to build towards a bright, sustainable future for generations to come.

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Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your unwavering commitment to Battle River Power Coop as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary: Then & Now. Together, let us honor our past, embrace the present, and chart a course towards a more affordable and sustainable future.

Changes to Subdivision Rate

Starting August 26, 2024

Effective August 26, 2024, Battle River Power Coop is implementing changes to our rate structure to better serve our members.

Please take note of the following important updates:

Closure of Current Subdivision Rate:

The current Subdivision rate will be discontinued at the end of the day on August 25, 2024.

Automatic Enrollment in Residential Rate:

All eligible members currently on the Subdivision rate will be automatically transferred to the Residential Rate that will commence August 26, 2024.



New Residential Rate Eligibility:

We are introducing a new Residential Rate, available to members who meet specific criteria.

These criteria will be detailed soon but may include:

- No farm or commercial income from the property.
- Annual consumption of less than 9,000 kWh (an average of 750 kWh per month).

Impact on Rates:

While this change will result in a nominal rate increase for members residing in Subdivisions, the new Residential Rate will remain competitive with the Investor-Owned Utility's Residential Rate.

Savings Opportunity:

Members who qualify for the new Residential Rate will benefit from monthly savings on their Distribution Tariff.

Enrollment Process:

Starting in September, we will begin enrolling 50 qualifying members per month on a first-come, first-served basis.

We understand that these changes may raise questions, and we are committed to providing more detailed information in the coming months. Stay tuned for further updates and additional details regarding the new Residential rate criteria and enrollment process.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we strive to enhance our services and offer competitive rates to our members.

Stay Safe Around Powerlines and Poles

Every harvest season brings excitement and challenges for farmers. However, this spring and summer, Battle River Power Coop has responded to numerous incidents involving power poles and lines, highlighting the urgent need for safety awareness year-round. It is crucial to prioritize safety around power infrastructure.

Whether you are cutting grass with a ride-on mower, swathing hay, or moving large equipment, always proceed with caution and be vigilant about your surroundings. Power poles and lines pose significant risks, but you can protect lives and property by identifying hazards, maintaining safe distances, using spotters, and following safety measures. Contacting a pole is not only a potential danger to your life but can also be costly to replace.

Remember to prioritize your safety above gaining a few more inches closer to the power pole. Your well-being is far more valuable.



Photo credit: Manitoba Hydro

Message from the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors, staff, and managers of Battle River Power Coop extend our heartfelt thanks to the over 400 attendees at our AGM and celebrated our 75th year of powering rural Alberta. Your presence and support mean the world to us as we honor our past and look forward to a bright future together.

We are delighted to welcome our new directors, Patrick Hilgartner and Todd Befus. Your fresh perspectives and enthusiasm will be invaluable to our cooperative. We also warmly welcome back previous director, Don Moman, and re-elected directors, Dan Astner and Jim Matthews. Your continued dedication and experience are greatly appreciated.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to our retiring directors, Neil Fenske, Leonard Blumenthal, and Bruce Carlson. Your years of engagement, support, and active participation on the board have significantly contributed to our success and growth. Your commitment to Battle River Power Coop will always be remembered.

Thank you all for being a part of this special milestone. Together, we will continue to build a sustainable and prosperous future for our community.

Distribution Tariff Increase

Our goal, as your Board of Directors, is to safeguard the future success of Battle River Power Coop and to ensure our member-owners receive prudent, reliable electricity delivery. In establishing the 2024 Distribution Tariff we had to consider increased cost of service, in the development of a Residential Rate for members. The result is a fair increase to ensure system sustainability and viability. That increase is 4% to services of 7.5kVa and higher and reflected in the table below. This increase is effective August 26, 2024.

As noted in the previous newsletter and on page 3, the Subdivision rate will be eliminated and replaced with the Residential Rate to ensure equitable, competitive rates between rate classes.

BRPC Revised Rates (August 24, 2024)							
Rural Farm/Acreage BR240							
Breaker size	3 kVA	5 kVA	7.5 kVA	10 kVA	15 kVA	25 kVA	>25 kVA
Monthly operating	\$67.94	\$67.94	\$85.24	\$99.83	\$127.68	\$183.07	\$4.73/kVA
Oil and Gas rate				Residential rate			
Service charge per kVA per day			\$0.6450	Service charge per unit per day		\$0.9350	
Daily charge			\$0.5200	All kWh delivered (cents/kWh)		3.0250	
Idle service BR110C				Demand industrial			
Monthly operating			\$38.55	Monthly service charge for the first 50 kVA (per kVA)		\$4.88	
Additional pole			\$1.76	For the next 450 kVA (per kVA)		\$3.05	
				For all kVA greater than 500 kVA (per kVA)		\$2.08	

REGULATED RATE OPTION



The 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 it is a default rate. If you do not have an energy contract, then you are on the RRO.

For July 2024, the RRO is priced at \$0.12627 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed blue bill. For August 2024, the REA monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.13544. Detailed information on the monthly RRO is available on: www.brpower.coop.

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). Code of Conduct Regulation: Advertising Section 7(1).

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