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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, firstserved 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.

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Annual General Meeting Highlights: Battle River

Power Coop Celebrates 75 Years

Our Roots

On June 25th, Battle River Power Coop marked its 75th anniversary with a memorable Annual General Meeting. This milestone celebration provided an opportunity to reflect on the Coop's rich history, acknowledge present accomplishments, and outline a vision for the future.

Our Journey: A Tribute to

The story of Battle River Power Coop is one of

neighbors coming together

with a common purpose.

Seventy-five years ago,

rural Albertans joined forces

to bring electricity to their

communities. From humble





Chair Dan Astner

beginnings around kitchen tables, the Coop has grown into a trusted provider, dedicated to serving rural Alberta with integrity.

In the late 1940s, the need for rural electrification led to the formation of Rural Electrification Associations (REAs). These grassroots movements were crucial in bringing electricity to areas outside urban centers. The 1990s brought significant changes, as legislative reforms empowered REAs to take on more responsibilities. Twenty-four smaller REAs amalgamated, enabling the Coop to control its destiny in construction, maintenance, operations, vegetation management, and energy supply with utility billing.

Our Present: Embracing Innovation and Change

As we celebrate our 75th anniversary, we find ourselves on the brink of substantial changes in the energy sector. The future holds challenges such as evolving electricity generation, consumption measurement, and marketing, alongside shifting consumer expectations. Anticipated growth in energy consumption necessitates significant investment in assets and technology.

Battle River Power Coop is committed to embracing innovation to meet these challenges. Our strategic initiatives focus on expanding renewable energy projects, modernizing grid infrastructure, and enhancing customer engagement through advanced technologies.

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Our Future: Meeting Growing Demands

With Alberta's population and economic activity on the rise, the demand for electricity continues to grow. Battle River Power Coop is dedicated to modernizing our technologies and maintaining affordability while providing exceptional service. We aim to forge strategic partnerships with counties, municipalities, and other REAs in Alberta. Special thanks were extended to West Wetaskiwin, Lindale, and Tomahawk for entrusting us with their power needs.

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A Heartfelt Thank You

We extend our deepest gratitude to our member-owners, the Board of Directors, our dedicated employees, and community partners for their unwavering support. We'd like to acknowledge our CEO and exceptional management team who have been instrumental in our success.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support and dedication. Here's to an even brighter future for Battle River Power Coop.

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.

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Meal to the Field Contest Entry Form

Name:	
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Complet Fax to: 7 Scan an	form to: Box 1420, Camrose, AB T4V 1X3 (Attention: Nansee) te fillable form on website: <u>www.brpower.coop/our-community/meal-to-the-field/</u> 780.672.7969 d email to: nansee.hughes@brpower.coop F at the office – we'd love to see you!
By submitting this entry you agree to the contest rules as follows:	 Contest is open to members in good standing of Battle River Power Coop Limited to one entry per member 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: <u>www.brpower.</u> <u>coop/our-community/meal-to-the-field/</u>. 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!

New Website & App!

Battle River Power Coop is thrilled to share our newly redesigned website, which celebrates 75 years of serving our member-owners!

Launch day is July 10. Check out the fresh, new style at <u>www.brpower.coop</u>.

We've also upgraded our Battle River Power App to provide real-time updates and simplify reporting power outages. Please remember, you'll need to download the latest version of our FREE Battle River App to receive the latest information. Visit our new website anytime after July 10 and download the app at <u>www.brpower.coop/resources/install-app/</u> to stay connected and informed!



A Warm Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting! We extend our gratitude to the Days Inn and Conference Center by Wyndham Camrose Norsemen for their exceptional hospitality, and to E Sound Pro Audio & Lights for their outstanding support. We also appreciate the businesses that generously donated door prizes, and the dedicated managers, staff, and directors who made our AGM a resounding success. A special thank you to all our member-owners for joining us in celebrating 75 years!



Photos from the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

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 June 2024, the RRO is priced at \$0.09632 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed blue bill. For July 2024, the REA monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.12627. Detailed information on the monthly RRO is available on: <u>www.brpower.coop</u>.

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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