

Duffield R.E.A Ltd

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A NOTE FROM YOUR REA PRESIDENT

The billing rate for electricity for the month of September has been set at \$0.095/KWH.

The average rate for electricity charged to members for the period January - July by the REA is \$0.072/KWH. The average cost of electricity in this same period was \$0.116/KWH. The REA energy fund made a contribution of \$208,273.00 to cover the additional cost of electricity consumed by members. The contribution by the energy fund is a membership benefit of \$350.00 per member.

The board of directors have entered into an energy hedge to help stabilize the cost to members. This became a necessary step as it is forecast electricity cost will continue to increase for the balance of 2021 and into 2022.

In March of 2020 the Alberta Government instituted a Utility Bill Deferral program which allowed consumers to defer payment for 90 days, March 18 - June 18, 2020. As we reported to you, REAs requested an exemption from the program as it was clear that our membership would be adversely affected. Our request was denied. The following article outlines repayment of uncollected amounts.

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Repayment of Uncollected Amounts – Utility Bill Deferral Program

The Utility Bill Deferral Program mandated by the Alberta Government in March 2020, requires all electric consumers in Alberta to cover the outstanding amounts uncollected from the deferral period. As reported in the past, REAs in Alberta requested to be exempt from this program and be allowed to deal independently with members struggling to pay bills due to the ongoing pandemic. REAs were denied an exemption and now as a result, members are required, as are all consumers, to contribute to the shortfall.

The uncollected electricity bill amounts from the program will be collected from all Albertans through a rate rider of 0.045 cents per KWH. Based on consumption, the cost to Duffield members as a whole, will amount to approximately \$250.00 per month. The rate rider will continue for 4 months beginning November 1, 2021.

Duffield will be remitting the payment as a lump sum on behalf of members. Doing so avoids the additional programming and administration fees within the billing system. By paying as a lump sum, members will not see the rate rider charge on their bill.

Meter Project

New meters have been purchased and will be installed in all yard sites. These meters will be read remotely through wireless technology. In preparation for installation a survey of all sites will be completed to determine changes required for complete coverage. Equipment will be installed on each transformer pole to allow transmission of meter readings. The equipment will vary depending on location. In some cases, a taller transformer pole is required to obtain contact with the system.

To complete this project, EQUUS will need to access each site, member cooperation is appreciated and essential. It is expected this project will be completed by year end.

Here are pictures of some of the installed related equipment.

