

Duffield R.E.A Ltd

310-POWR

March 2021



A NOTE FROM YOUR REA PRESIDENT

The billing rate for electricity for the month of March has been set at \$0.075/KWH.

The average rate for electricity charged to members in January and February this year is \$0.058/KWH. In 2020 the average rate charged Duffield members was \$0.0592/KWH.

Duffield REA buys electricity on the wholesale market from the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), paying the average price for the month. This year in January the cost was \$0.0802 and in February the cost was \$0.1874/KWH. This was significantly more than what was charged to our members. With record consumption, the shortfall is approximately \$114,690.00. Your REA maintains an energy fund to absorb such loss. The fund reserves will need to be replenished over the next few months as wholesale costs come down.

The goal of the energy fund is to cushion the shock of price spikes, provide a more stable cost and deliver electricity at competitive rates to members. By using the energy fund with these goals in mind, Duffield was able to deliver electricity to members for about \$132.50/member less than a comparable Regulated Rate retailer in 2020.

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If Life Threatening
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Electric Bills & Meter Reading

Paying electric bills can now be done with a credit card. Call Blue Mountain Power Co-op at 310-POWR (7696).

Our electric bills are now payable without penalty up to the 15th of the following month.

The meters in Duffield are read manually, thus personal reading meters require access to each meter. Members can call 780-967-3340 or 310-EQUS to arrange access if required. Members can also read their meters and phone in reading by calling 310-POWR (7696).

Contract meter reader's vehicles carry identification signs.

Member Contact

Members are contacted when there is a planned power outage, issue with the service or other matters which affect electricity delivery. In order to ensure proper contact can be made current phone numbers are required. If there has been a recent change to your phone contact numbers please call 310-POWR to provide an update.

Consumption Concerns

Every so often calls are received concerning high electricity usage on the power bill. Members are encouraged to look at appliances that are connected to ensure they are working properly. Frequently found causes of unusual increase in usage is underground wiring, malfunctioning cattle waters and electric heaters and defective wiring in submersible water pumps.

Contract with EQUS

EQUS became the service provider December 1, 2020, and has demonstrated to be cost efficient and very considerate of Duffield members. This decision is proving to be beneficial to the association and its membership.