

# Duffield R.E.A Ltd

## 310-POWR

June 2021



## A NOTE FROM YOUR REA PRESIDENT

The billing rate for electricity for the month of June has been set at \$0.09/KWH

The average rate for electricity charged to members for January - May by the REA was \$0.0669/KWH.

The average cost of electricity to the REA, January - May was \$0.1039. This 3.7 cents/KWH additional cost to purchase energy required the REA to pay \$136,024.00 in addition to what members paid on their electric bills. \$136,024.00 among the membership is a payout of approximately \$225 per member, this is a benefit of membership. In our traditional high consumption months, January and February the REA held the electricity rate at \$0.058/kwh when wholesale prices reached \$0.176/kwh.

Your REA maintains an energy fund that has been built up overtime for just such times as we have experienced. The fund is not capable of subsidising energy rates for members as funds are limited, therefore will need to be replenished overtime.

Electricity rates in Alberta are forecast to remain high for the balance of the year. Alberta is currently limited in energy generating capacity due to partial shutdown of coal fired generators for the conversion to natural gas. Other factors affecting rates are; California wildfires which destroyed a lot of infrastructure, thus drawing power supply from other areas and also low water levels in BC Hydro dams due to low winter snowfall reducing generating capacity. Importing electricity into Alberta has become expensive. It is expected this situation is not a long-term issue.

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## Member Investment Fund

A line item on your electric bill, "Member Investment Fund", was instituted in 2017. The charge at that time was set at 2 cents/KWH. The member investment fund has become part of the distribution tariff.

Duffield REA distribution rate has remained unchanged since January 2010, although the cost of maintaining our system has increased considerably since. Charging a fee based on consumption is seen as more equitable among members than the alternative, a flat rate increase across all services.

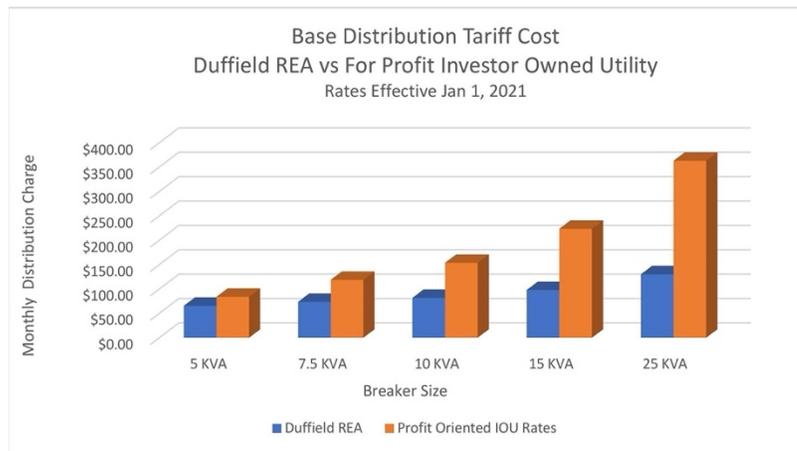
The Duffield REA continues to strive to provide electric distribution service to members in a cost-efficient manner.

## Transmission Charge

The transmission charge on your electric bill is often seen as a charge by the Duffield REA, which it is not.

Transmission charges are assessed by the Alberta government. They are collected to pay for and maintain the power grid in Alberta. According to the Alberta Utilities Commission, the amount, based on consumption, will range from 13 - 23% of the total electric bill.

As Duffield REA bills members for electricity, it is required to collect the charge and submit it to the Department of energy.



**Have A Safe Summer**