



Frontier Energy

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Introducing Frontier Energy: Your Local Choice for Fixed-Rate Electricity

Battle River Power Coop is excited to announce the launch of Frontier Energy, the new energy division dedicated to providing fixed-rate electricity to our present and future members. Frontier Energy replaces the existing energy division and offers an alternative to the default regulated electricity rate. Frontier Energy offers you the opportunity to lock in your electricity rates for greater price stability and peace of mind.

What This Means for You: With Frontier Energy, you can take more control over your energy costs:

Price Stability	Freedom of Choice	Potential Savings	Flexibility
Say goodbye to monthly fluctuations in your electricity rates. Our fixed-rate contracts allow you to budget with confidence, fixing your electricity rate over the term of your agreement.	As an Alberta consumer, you have the power to choose your energy provider. Frontier Energy gives you another option beyond the default regulated rate, allowing you to select what best fits your needs and preferences.	While regulated rates can spike during periods of high demand, our fixed-rate plans offer protection from these price surges. In some cases, this could lead to significant savings on your annual electricity costs.	You're not locked into the regulated rate. With Frontier Energy, you can switch to a fixed-rate contract, giving you the flexibility to find the best deal for your needs.

By offering both regulated and competitive options through separate divisions, we're expanding our ability to provide you with transparent choices for your energy needs. Frontier Energy represents our dedication to serving our community with innovative, customer-focused solutions in Alberta's evolving energy landscape.

Banking: If you currently have an account with Battle River Power Coop, neither your account setup nor your banking information needs to change. Just carry on as usual.

An Opportunity: Find out more at www.frontierenergy.coop.

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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.

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.



The Residential Rate Class is available to members on sites that consume under 9,000kWh per year with:

- a single and separate household using electricity predominantly for domestic purposes, and
- a single meter at a standard service capacity,
- regardless of whether the lands containing the site are owned by an individual or a corporate entity.

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 or 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 26, 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

Battle River Power Coop Member Corner



MVP Businesses



Member Value Program Spotlight

Shirgor Enterprises

As part of Battle River Power Coop's Member Value Program, we're excited to spotlight Shirgor Enterprises. BRPC members can enjoy a 10% discount on equipment rentals simply by showing their MVP Card. It's a great way to save on the tools you need while supporting a local business.

Benchmark Hearing Centre Ltd

We are also pleased to feature Benchmark Hearing Centre Ltd in our Member Value Program. BRPC members can receive a 10% discount on hearing aid purchases by presenting their MVP Card. Take advantage of this offer to invest in your hearing health while enjoying exclusive member savings.



Before



After

We want to extend our sincere appreciation to the members of Battle River Power Coop who are actively keeping vegetation under control around their power lines. Your efforts play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and reliability of our electrical grid. Proper vegetation management helps prevent outages, reduces the risk of fire, and ensures that our power lines remain clear and operational. Thank you for your commitment to maintaining a safe and efficient power supply for everyone in our community.

Harvest Season Safety Around Power Lines and Poles

As harvest season kicks into high gear, we urge all members to stay vigilant when working near power lines and poles. Safety should be your top priority—always be aware of your surroundings and keep a safe distance from overhead lines. Ensure that equipment like augers and grain trucks are positioned away from power lines to avoid accidental contact. Staying cautious and mindful during this busy season can prevent accidents and ensure a safe and successful harvest for everyone.

Message from the Board of Directors

Battle River Power Coop is concerned with FortisAlberta's current push for legislative changes to recover their interpretation of operational and construction costs (wheeling charges) for the interconnected system within Battle River Power Coop's service area.

Battle River Power Coop, celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year, has interconnected infrastructure with FortisAlberta and its predecessors without charging/incurred wheeling fees for over seven decades. The claim that REAs use FortisAlberta's system for free, overlooks that FortisAlberta benefits from our infrastructure without quid pro quo payment. With Battle River Power Coop owning 53% of the shared interconnected system, in our defined service area, it is rich for Fortis to assume Battle River Power Coop may owe them anything for their system usage.

Since 2005, the Wire Owner Agreement (WOA) between Battle River Power Coop and FortisAlberta has governed our interconnected operations. This contractual agreement, outlines the roles and responsibilities between Battle River Power Coop and FortisAlberta. A key Section within the WOA provides

either party the opportunity through the Contract Policy Committee, made up of FortisAlberta and elected representative REA Directors, to negotiate or arbitrate the agreement. FortisAlberta has not attempted to renegotiate the WOA, but is instead seeking legislative changes solely for their shareholder's benefit. Why is Fortis avoiding using the contractual tool available to them?

The Alberta Utilities Commission has ruled that revenue recovery by Fortis, from REAs, should follow existing contractual agreements. The current system, managed by the Contract Policy Committee through the WOA, has proven in the past to effectively address these concerns.

FortisAlberta's lobbying for new legislation is an inefficient use of government resources, especially when established mechanisms to deal with wire owner contracts are in place. It remains in the Alberta Government's interest to reduce red tape and uphold current agreements, while focusing on attaining affordable and reliable power for Rural Albertans.

Battle River Power Coop has a new look – same great information at www.brpower.coop and an updated Outage app!

The website offers a user-friendly experience with comprehensive information on our services, while the updated Outage App provides real-time updates and easy reporting for power outages.

Please note, you will need to redownload the FREE Outage App to continue receiving updates. Simply go to "Resources" and click "Install Our App" to stay connected and informed!



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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