



## Mark Your Calendars for the 2020 and 2021 Annual General Meetings

**Date:** Thursday, July 22, 2021

**Start Time:** 6:00 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting

This has been a unique time for Battle River Power Coop, our members and the scheduling of our Annual General Meetings.

Due to COVID-19, the in-person 2020 AGM was postponed. Earlier this year we were presented with the same pandemic restrictions for our 2021 AGM. This resulted in the Board of Directors passing By-law No. 23 that allows for alternative methods of voting when an in-person meeting cannot occur.

As a result, we will be holding the 2020 and the 2021 Annual General Meetings on the Zoom virtual meeting platform. The virtual AGM format will allow the Coop to report to members and for members to vote on important Coop issues.

Participation at the AGM will be different this year – you will need a computer, laptop, tablet or internet connected device to link to Zoom. Members are asked to register in advance to be able to attend the meetings. Once registered, an access link will be emailed to you.

### AGM 2020

The 2020 AGM will cover the legislated annual agenda items as follows.

- Quorum confirmation
- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of the 2019 AGM minutes
- Financial presentation by the auditor
- Approval of the financials as presented
- Confirmation of auditor for year 2021

The 2020 meeting will be adjourned and there will be a 30-minute interval until the commencement of the 2021 AGM.

### AGM 2021

The 2021 AGM will include the following.

- Quorum confirmation
- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of the 2020 AGM minutes
- Financial presentation by the auditor
- Approval of the financials as presented
- Approval of the auditor for next year
- Introduction of nominees for Director and opportunity for nominees to address the membership.

*Note: the General Manager and President Reports will be included in the pre-AGM package and will not be presented at the meeting.*

# Registration, Linking to the Meeting, and Voting

## Registration

Members may register by calling the office (1-877-428-3972) or by email (brpc@brpower.coop). At the time of registration you will be asked for your email address.

Registered attendees will receive a pre-AGM package that will include pertinent information being presented at the AGM, including the President and General Manager Reports and a voting ballot.

**As the package will be sent by Canada Post, members are asked to register by Thursday, July 15, 2021 to ensure delivery prior to the AGM on July 22nd.**



## Linking to the Meeting

Data on the Spot (DOTS) has been engaged to facilitate the online AGMs.

Prior to the meeting DOTS will email the AGM access link to all registered attendees. This email will also include basic information on how to use the link and join the meeting.

The virtual platform being used is Zoom and the direct link will allow members to join the meeting without having to download any programs. For members who are unfamiliar with Zoom, we can assure you the process is quite easy.

If you have registered and have not received an email from DOTS prior to July 21st, please check your spam or junk e-mail folder.



## Voting

Voting on agenda items will take place virtually. Like an in-person meeting, voting will occur using the Zoom hand icon which will be identified at the beginning of the meeting and results will be recorded.

With regards to voting for Directors, this year there are 5 vacancies. Interested members were required to declare themselves as of May 31.

In the event, there are more interested members than vacant positions, a Director voting ballot with all nominee names will be included in your pre-AGM package. Members may vote for the Directors of their choice by completing the ballot and returning it in the postage paid envelope.

# No Increase to 2021 Distribution Tariff

Battle River Power Coop's Distribution Tariff (DT) is established to cover the costs of strategic and critical activities required to maintain the viability of Battle River Power Coop's distribution system and includes a diverse operations scope as per the table below.

Accounting	Information technology (computer systems, website, etc.)	Meter changes
Alberta Federation of REAs	Load procurement	Planning and design
Annual General Meeting	Load settlement	Pole testing and replacement programs
Board of Directors	Maintenance	Power restoration
Engineering and system planning	Mapping	Safety Program
Government relations	Member Services (daily office & field operations)	System repairs due to damage
Industry and stakeholder relations		Vegetation management

Annually, Battle River Power Coop budgeting takes into account the costs necessary for the safe, reliable, cost-effective electricity distribution to our members. As a cooperative, Battle River Power Coop does not incorporate profit in our distribution tariff; rather we focus on cost recovery.

Once capital plans and budgets are finalized, they are reviewed by the Board of Directors and subsequently the Distribution Tariff is established and approved for the year.

We are pleased to announce this year there will be no increase to the Distribution Tariff. Through careful planning and diligent expense controlling, the budget presented by management enabled the Board to maintain the current Distribution Tariff into the coming year.

## Distribution Tariff Comparison

Transformer Size	Breaker Size	Battle River Power Coop	Fortis Alberta	Battle River Power Coop saves you
			Farm Rates	
Flat rate on 3 kVa	Idle 25/40 amp	\$63.79/mo.	\$85.06/mo.	<b>25%</b>
Flat rate on 5 kVa	35/50 - 30 amp	\$63.79/mo.	\$85.06/mo.	<b>25%</b>
Flat rate on 7.5 kVa	50/75 - 50 amp	\$76.96/mo.	\$120.43/mo.	<b>34%</b>
Flat rate on 10 kVa	75/110 - 70 amp	\$90.13/mo.	\$155.79/mo.	<b>42%</b>
Flat rate on 15 kVa	100/150 - 100 amp	\$115.28/mo.	\$226.53/mo.	<b>49%</b>
Flat rate on 25 kVa*	2 x 75/110 amp	\$165.29/mo.	\$368.00/mo.**	<b>55%</b>
*\$165.29 + \$4.27 per kVa for each additional kVa			**\$368.00 + \$14.15 per kVa for each additional kVa	

# Battle River Power Coop Expands Distribution System Operations (DSO)

In 2017, Battle River Power Coop and West Wetaskiwin REA entered into a Cooperative Communication and Regulated Rate Provider Agreement.

With the Agreement, we provided the purchasing and administration of their RRO, monthly billing and communications support with a monthly newsletter.

Over the years the relationship between the two organizations strengthened and we began discussions regarding how to expand the cooperative partnership. As both organizations are firm believers in cooperative principles, the natural evolution of the mutual trust and desire to operate the cooperative way has resulted in an expanded arrangement.

Effective November 15, 2021, Battle River Power Coop will provide electricity distribution system operations for West Wetaskiwin REA replacing their current contractor, FortisAlberta.

Once again Battle River Power Coop's reputation for maintaining high safety and operational standards and the relationship we maintain with our members were contributing factors to the decision.

This agreement, much like the agreement with Tomahawk REA, strengthens the cooperative positioning within Alberta's electric utility industry and allows all three organizations to leverage the cooperative advantage.

The addition of over 900 services continues to increase the economies of scale as per cooperative principles. It also furthers our ability to allocate expenses across multiple existing departments, reducing costs for Battle River Power Coop members.

This Cooperative Agreement for DSO services will enhance our purchasing power which translates to a benefit for all as we continue to operate cooperatively – providing reliable, cost effective electrical service to all.

West Wetaskiwin REA is currently integrated into our website/billing system and we will expand that existing integration to include emergency services.

Battle River Power Coop is looking forward to a mutually beneficial relationship and to expanding our cooperative advantage to West Wetaskiwin REA and its members.



## 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 May 2021, the RRO is priced at \$0.08150 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed blue bill. For June 2021, the REA monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.07665. Detailed information on the monthly RRO is available on: [www.brpower.coop](http://www.brpower.coop).*

**Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit [ucahelps.alberta.ca](http://ucahelps.alberta.ca) or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).**

**BATTLE RIVER POWER COOP IS AVAILABLE FOR POWER TROUBLE CALLS 24/7/365 CALL TOLL-FREE: 1.877.428.3972**

