

### President, Dean Knull's Message to WW REA Membership

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on April 3rd! An engaged membership is essential for an REA to be successful, and we appreciate you taking the time to participate.

#### Departing Board Members

I would like to express gratitude on behalf of our membership to our departing board members, Neil Stone and Kevin Cummings, for their years of dedicated service to WW REA.

You have helped shape the direction of our association and have ensured that we continue to provide reliable and efficient electrification to our rural community. Your leadership, vision, and hard work have left a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful for everything you have done.

We also want to extend our sincere thanks to the spouses and family members of our board members. Your support and understanding have allowed Neil and Kevin to devote their time and energy to our REA, and we appreciate the sacrifices you have made.

#### Cross County Line Replacement

Last year, as part of our ongoing efforts to streamline operations and optimize our network layout, we took several cross-country lines out of service. We continued with this work in 2024, replacing cross-county lines with upgraded services. This ongoing system improvement is due to our dedication to embracing and meeting the evolving needs of our members.

#### A-Base Meter

To respond to advancing technology that allows for easier meter reading and communications, West Wetaskiwin REA embarked on an A-base meter replacement program a few years ago. I am pleased to report that 36 meters were successfully replaced in 2024 further modernizing

our distribution system. We plan to replace more in the latter part of 2025, however the number will depend on how much is spent on other work that needs to be done in our area.

#### Retail Rate Power Contracts

We are currently working on a Retail Rate Power Contract offer for members. In the early stages meeting with legal counsel. If all goes well, we should be able to offer to members in the late fall.

#### Rate Of Last Resort

Alberta has replaced the Regulated Rate Option (RRO) with the Rate of Last Resort (RoLR) for electricity consumers. Unlike the RRO's monthly fluctuating rates, the RoLR offers a fixed rate set every two years, with adjustments capped at 10% per term. The intent of this change is to provide consumers with more stable and predictable electricity pricing.



#### For Power Troubles:

Battle River Power Coop (our distribution system operator)  
Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972

#### For RRO Billing and Account Inquiries:

Battle River Power Coop | Box 1420 Camrose, Alberta T4V 1X3  
Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972  
E-mail: brpc@brpower.coop | Website: www.brpower.coop

#### For REA Inquiries, New Service and Service Change Requests:

Contact West Wetaskiwin REA, RR #1  
Station Main, Wetaskiwin, Alberta T9A 1W8  
Tel: 780-335-9378 (WEST)

E-mail: westwet@telus.net | Website: [www.westwetaskiwinrea.com](http://www.westwetaskiwinrea.com)

For service requests: go to [www.westwetaskiwinrea.com/new-or-changes-to-services.html](http://www.westwetaskiwinrea.com/new-or-changes-to-services.html)

Effective January 1, 2025, the RoLR for West Wetaskiwin REA members is 13.5 cents per kWh.

Members who were on the RRO were automatically transferred to the new RoLR in January 2025.

### Reminder To Check Your Idle Services

After some cases of vandalism in our area, we would like to remind everyone that you are financially responsible for the REA assets on your premises and that WWREA is not responsible for 3rd party damages. It is up to you to ensure the safekeeping of equipment on your premises.

It's recommended that members discuss adding these assets to your insurance policy with your insurance agent.

### WW REA has a New Look

We are thrilled to show you West Wetaskiwin REA's new and improved logo. In addition to our new, more modern branding, we also have a newly designed website. Our goal is to make it more efficient and easier for you to navigate to the information that's truly important to you. Visit [www.westwetaskiwinrea.com](http://www.westwetaskiwinrea.com) to see our new site.

### Updated Electric Service Contract Coming

Our ever changing industry has revealed gaps in our current Electric Service Contract (ESC) which need to be rectified. The ESC has been revised over the last year, and we will be sending out new contracts with the intent to have every member sign an up-to-date ESC.

## Welcome to Our New Board Members!

Congratulations to our two new board members, voted in at this year's AGM on April 3rd.

### Randy Lorentz

Randy has been a member of West Wetaskiwin REA for 40 years and hopes to serve his community by joining the Board of Directors.

Currently semi-retired and self-employed running his business, he will also look to utilize his previous experience with the Wetaskiwin Seed Plant and the Alberta Feeder's Association to help guide WW REA.

### Ryan Olthof

Ryan Olthof has been a member of WW REA for over 20 years. Having earned his MIS degree from the University of Lethbridge, Ryan has operated a successful business for 22 years in the Falun area. He also has an extensive background in not-for-profit work, with 6 years on the Alberta Beekeepers' Board and experience serving as the Chair for the PLACE Society.

Ryan hopes to bring fresh ideas on vegetation control, broadband and community engagement to WW REA.



Rate  
of Last  
Resort  
(RoLR)



The Rate of Last Resort (RoLR) is a fixed monthly rate set at \$0.13500 per kWh until the end of December 2026. Detailed information on the RoLR is available on: [www.westwetaskiwinrea.com](http://www.westwetaskiwinrea.com).

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](http://ucahelps.alberta.ca) or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).