

# Shock Talk



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## CAREA CREWS CLEAN UP AFTER TORNADO



A riding arena on Monica Kaban and Mike Burlein's property was taken down by a tornado on Thursday, July 7.

Thursday, July 7, proved to be a devastating day for many residents near Innisfail after a tornado touched down about 10 kilometres west of town. But CAREA's Power Line Technicians worked diligently, through the night, to ensure power was back on in a timely manner.



CAREA Power Line Technician Darcy Wood works to string up a new line after a tornado, which touched down near Innisfail on Thursday, July 7, snapped lines and a power pole.

For the full story and photos, please check out CAREA's website at [www.carea.ca](http://www.carea.ca). Click on Current News and Issues and scroll down to REA Activities. There is a PDF document there, available for download.

## TRANSMISSION RATE INCREASE

Effective on your service to the July 15, 2011 billing, your transmission rate is increasing. The Fortis AUC approved farm rate for the third quarter of 2011 is 2.3664 cents/kWh. Included in the calculation of this rate is a 2011 Balancing Pool Allocation Rider (BPAP), which is a credit, and a Transmission Adjustment Rider (TAR), which is an additional charge. The TAR will be adjusted each quarter throughout 2011.

Your REA farm rate for transmission for the first quarter of 2011 was 1.9688 cents/kWh. The second quarter rate for 2011 was 2.0405 cents/kWh and your third quarter rate for 2011 is 2.3664 cents/kWh. This is an overall increase of 20.2 per cent in the transmission rate from the first quarter of 2011.

## DRILLING ON LAND SERVICED BY CAREA

Owning a large amount of property in Alberta increases your chances of being approached by an oil or gas drilling company looking to put a pump on your land.

It is CAREA's goal to service more oil and gas drilling companies, but we need your help! As a CAREA member, you are entitled to insist the drilling company uses the REA for its electricity needs. But, if you would prefer to let us handle the insisting, simply call your local CAREA office and let us know that mineral rights have been purchased on your land. We'll need the name and contact information for the company you're dealing with, and then we can handle the rest.

For every new service we add to the CAREA system, we can reduce the cost to each member. So by recommending the association to others, you could play a role in reducing your power bill.

Our Vision: To be Alberta's leading energy services provider.

Our Mission: To deliver efficient energy services.

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## SUMMER STORM SEASON IS WELL UNDERWAY

Summer storms in Alberta are a fact of life. But there are ways to be better prepared.

Keep a small bag of emergency supplies in an easily-accessible spot, in case your power goes out. These emergency supplies should consist of: candles, candle holders, matches, disposable lighters, a battery-powered space heater, flashlight and extra batteries, canned goods and dried food mixes, bottled water, extra blankets, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, extra clothes for each family members, a supply of required medications and a copy of prescriptions, just to name a few.

Refrigerated food must be kept at 40 degrees to avoid spoiling. Do not taste food to figure out if it's safe to eat.

- ✓ A closed refrigerator will keep food safe for about four hours.
- ✓ A closed freezer will maintain food quality for about 48 hours if full, 24 hours if half full.
- ✓ 50 pounds of dry ice will keep a freezer cold for two days.

If your power outage lasts longer than four to eight hours, discard the following items:

- ✓ Eggs
- ✓ Mayonnaise
- ✓ Leftovers
- ✓ Milk products (except butter)
- ✓ Fresh meats, poultry and seafood
- ✓ Soft cheeses, low-fat cheese and shredded cheese
- ✓ Creamy-based dressings, gravy and spaghetti sauce

After an extended power outage, discard all previously frozen products except breads, nuts, hard cheeses, fruit juices.

CAREA now records unplanned power outages and their areas on its website, [www.carea.ca](http://www.carea.ca). If you are experiencing an outage, please call your local area office - Innisfail: 1-877-527-4011, Onoway: 1-888-627-4011.

## KEEP DEBRIS AWAY FROM POLES AND METER BOXES

Meter Readers and Power Line Technicians with the Central Alberta REA have to access electrical infrastructure, such as meters, poles and lines, during all kinds of weather, day or night. We use trucks, quads and even snow shoes to do this.

It's important to us that you, the homeowner, do not leave debris around this infrastructure as it poses a risk to us and makes our jobs even more difficult. This debris could include firewood, garbage or even shrubs that have been planted there.

Keeping areas clear around electricity poles and meter boxes is important for everyone's safety and to ensure we're doing the best job we can for you.

## CAREA ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

CAREA recently launched an advertising campaign, in print and on the radio.

You can see our ad in the following publications:

- ✓ Lac Ste. Anne Bulletin, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month;
- ✓ The Town N' Country supplement, which comes in the Athabasca Advocate, the Westlock News, the Barrhead Leader and the Lac La Biche Post, on the second Tuesday of each month;
- ✓ Rocky View Weekly, on the second Tuesday of every other month;
- ✓ Central Alberta Life, on the third Monday of every month;
- ✓ And the Mountain View Gazette, on the second Tuesday of each month.

You can also listen for us on the following radio stations:

- ✓ CFCW, on 790 AM;
- ✓ KG Country, 95.5 FM, every other Wednesday around 11:50 a.m. for our Shock Talk feature;
- ✓ CKFM, 96.5 FM, sponsoring the 8 a.m. news every other day.

## FIND MORE INFORMATION AT [CAREA.CA](http://CAREA.CA)

Don't forget to check out CAREA's website, [www.carea.ca](http://www.carea.ca). It contains more information than ever.

Be sure to check the website often for updates and new additions.

It is very important to note that your distribution system provider will always be CAREA regardless of who supplies your energy. Members who choose to obtain electricity (retail electricity services) from a party other than CAREA will not be disadvantaged or in any way be treated differently by CAREA. For a list of energy retailers visit [www.ucahelps.gov.ab.ca](http://www.ucahelps.gov.ab.ca).