



## Budget Billing Settlement for 2010

Please be advised that on the current utility billing, all budget billing accounts have been settled. The meter reading, either actual or computer estimated, from December 2010 has been utilized to finalize the budget bills for 2010.

For those members who are on budget billing, it is very important that you continue to monitor your "YTD Budget Amount" and "YTD Actual Amount" noted on your utility billing throughout the year. This provides you with the dollar variance between your actual and budget values billed for your power usage. If this variance becomes in excess, you need to call our office to review your budget billing.

On your Service to January 15th, 2010 billing, the new budget billing amounts will be calculated based on your 2010 consumption data at the current rates. If your demand for 2011 increases, or decreases, this would affect the budget billing amount and you should notify our office immediately and discuss this with your Member Services Administrator.



## 2011 Annual General Meeting and Member Information Session

The Central Alberta REA Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 30th at the Innisfail Legion.

While we encourage our members to attend the Annual General meeting we realize that the distance may be prohibitive for some. To help ensure that all members have the opportunity to receive information about their REA a Member Information Session will be held on Wednesday April 6th at the Darwell Community Hall.

The meeting in Darwell is for information purposes only. Please note that if it is important to you as a member to be able to vote on REA matters you will have to attend the Annual General Meeting in Innisfail.

Next month's newsletter will contain further details on the meeting as well as Board nominations.

## CAREA Cares Donates to CAWES 4 Kids

Christmas came early this year for the Central Alberta Women's Emergency Shelter when the Central Alberta Rural Electrification Association presented the Shelter with a cheque for \$8,600 dedicated to the CAWES 4 Kids Program.

Ms. Tara Heppell, the Fund Development Manager for CAWES, thanked CAREA for choosing to support the shelter and its mission and stated "These funds supported the creation of Canada's first in-shelter Children's Healing Centre. Over 500 children a year will now receive the caring support and services that they need to heal from the devastating effects of serious criminal domestic violence."

The Central Alberta REA and its staff are committed to supporting the communities that its members live and work in and throughout the year, the staff organize various activities to fund raise for worthwhile causes. This year by unanimous decision, the fund raising committee chose to support both the CAWES 4 Kids Program and the Adopt a Family Christmas Initiative, which also received funds to make Christmas brighter for two families in need.



CAREA staff members Chelsey Schatschneider and Marie Grono present a cheque for \$8,600 to Tara Heppell, Fund Development Manager for CAWES.

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

**Our Mission: To deliver efficient energy services.**

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## Deadline for Board Nominations is Fast Approaching

If you are interested in becoming a member of the CAREA Board of Directors but aren't sure what is involved nomination packages are now available. The deadline to submit your nomination is January 15. If you have professional or personal experience in finance, government relations, board policy and governance, communications, marketing or other business expertise the CAREA board needs you.

Pursuant to the CAREA Supplemental By-law 5.3, nominations for the Board of Directors must be held in advance of the Annual Meeting.

The election process begins in December with the nomination process. The nomination package provides information on eligibility criteria for Directors, history of the Central Alberta REA, duties and responsibilities of Directors, and nomination forms. Packages can be picked up at either the Innisfail or Onoway office or can be mailed out to interested members. Please contact the CAREA office if you would like to receive a copy by mail. Nominations packages must be received at the CAREA Innisfail Office (5803 - 42 Street, Box 6199, Innisfail, AB T4G 1S8) no later than 4:30 pm January 15, 2011.

Elected Directors represent the entire Association, not one particular area, or zone. Each year either three or four directors are elected by the membership to serve a three year term. There is no limit on the number of terms that a Board member can serve. The election will be conducted at the Association's Annual General Meeting in Innisfail.

For more information please feel free to contact the following Board Nomination Committee members: Ed Beniuk (780)542-8494, Doug Drozd (780)674-3677, Brian Turnbull (780)908-7244 or call the CAREA office (403)227-4011 or toll free 1-888-211-4011.

## Pole Replacement Member Service Moves 2011

CAREA will be carrying out pole replacements west of Gainford in the Entwistle Magnolia area and also in part of the old Blackfalds/Lacombe area in 2011. The following locations are affected: 53-6-W5, 54-06-W5, 54-07-W5, 54-08-W5, 38-25-W4, 38-26-W4, 38-28-W4, 39-25-W4, 39-26-W4, 39-27-W4, 39-28-W4, 40-25-W4, 40-26-W4, 40-27-W4, 40-28-W4.

CAREA will make every effort to notify members of any power outages that may be occurring during this process. If crews require access to your property they will contact you directly. Remember annual pole replacements help to reduce future power outages.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding pole replacements please do not hesitate to contact the CAREA Standards Department at 403-227-4011 or toll free at 1-888-211-4011.

## 2011 Line Patrol

CAREA is once again out in the countryside patrolling the lines to ensure that maintenance and repairs are carried out. This in turn will help reduce unplanned power outages.

As part of the patrol, you may see one of our servicemen checking your transformer pole. The line patrol areas for 2011 are as follows: Onoway area 53-27, 53-01, 53-02, 54-27, 54-28, 54-01, 54-02, part of 54-03 (up to RR32), 55-27, 55-01, 55-02, 55-03, Sundre area 33-03, 33-04, 33-05, 34-01, 34-02, 34-03, 34-04, 34-05, 35-01, 35-02, 35-03, and completion of the Rimbey area from TWP 42, 43, 44 and 45.

If you have noticed something that you are concerned about and would like us to be aware of, don't hesitate to call our office at 403-227-4011 or toll free at 1-888-211-4011.



## New CAREA Website

Organization websites have a significant impact on how the public, government, affiliated organizations, and subscribers (members) find information and search the attributes of a company.

CAREA has always been ahead of the curve when it comes to communicating the advantages of a rural member owned electricity provider. In support of that position, the CAREA website has been re-designed. Our goal is to position CAREA as a major influence when it comes to representing rural Alberta by being pro-active in all of our communications including our website. Visit our redesigned website at [www.carea.ca](http://www.carea.ca).

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).