

Shock Talk



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HELPING MAKE THE PRAIRIES "GREEN" ALL YEAR LONG!



Prairie Power Ltd., on behalf of the Central Alberta REA, is proud to continue to offer the Renewable Energy Credit (REC) Program that allows members to consume green electricity. Below is some background information on Renewable Energy



What is a REC? A REC is a Renewable Energy Credit, which equals one megawatt hour (MWh) of renewable energy that is physically metered and verified in Alberta. It is generated from a renewable energy source that typically includes wind, solar, geothermal, biomass and other energy sources. It usually does not include large-scale hydro or nuclear projects. Renewable energy has zero carbon emissions.

How do RECs work? Physical electricity cannot be differentiated by the generation source, so it all goes into a grid and is consumed without delineation. When electricity is generated by renewable resources, there is a REC associated with the electricity generation that does not go into the transmission grid, rather the REC is separated from the electricity and can be transacted separately. RECs can move freely to other entities with the geographical market established by the government. Regardless of a member's geographical location they can purchase a REC that is created anywhere in the province and apply it to green the effects of their electricity consumption. Through the two transactions, the electricity and the REC, the member is able to claim that the

electricity they are consuming is from a renewable source.

Why Purchase a REC? Purchasing a REC shows a socially-responsible investment and supports renewable energy projects.

How much does a REC cost? The price of a REC fluctuates up and down with market supply and demand. The current price for 2012 is \$20 per REC. One REC would provide green coverage for 1,000 kWh of consumption. The cost of the REC is in addition to the cost of electricity. You can green as much or as little of your electricity consumption as you choose to the nearest half of a REC. If you consume about 1,500 kWh in a month, you could green about 100 per cent of your electricity consumption by purchasing 1.5 RECs, equaling \$30 (REC price \$20 x 1.5 RECs). You can purchase RECs in half increments. The number of RECs you choose to purchase will remain constant for one year (Jan. 2012 to Dec. 2012).



If you have further questions or have interest in "greening" your electricity consumption, please contact our office at 403-227-4011. If you are interested in participating in the Prairie Power Ltd. REC Program, please complete the form below and return it to CAREA by Dec. 15, 2011. Let us know what you think about "green!"

RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT APPLICATION FORM

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| Member(s) Name: | Date: |
| Account Number: | Land Location: |
| Desired Volume of RECs/month <small>12 month term Jan. 2012 to Dec. 2012</small> <i>Enter # Here</i> | Confirmed Monthly Volume of RECs <i>Enter # Here</i> |

Volume Note: The desired volume of RECs can be any whole or half number (i.e. 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5). There is no minimum or maximum requirement. The desired volume and resulting emission position of the member is at the sole discretion of the member.

Price:
\$20/REC
(Canadian \$)

Acknowledgment: I hereby acknowledge that I, the undersigned, have committed to purchase an amount of Renewable Energy Credit stated on this authorization form for each month in the period of Jan. 1, 2012, to Dec. 31, 2012, at the price stated on this authorized form.

Signature

Mailing Address: Box 6199, 5803 - 42 Street, Innisfail, AB T4G 1S8

To report a power outage in your area, or for other service, construction or vegetation inquiries please call your Area Office.
For meter reads and billing questions please call Main Office.

Innisfail Area Office
Phone: 403-227-7535
Toll Free: 1-877-527-4011
Fax: 403-227-7540

Email: general@carea.ca
Website: www.carea.ca
Meter Reads:
reads@carea.ca

Main Office
Phone: 403-227-4011
Toll Free: 1-888-211-4011
Fax: 403-227-1007

Oneway Area Office
Phone: 780-967-3340
Toll Free: 1-888-627-4011
Fax: 780-967-3018

PREMIER ALISON REDFORD APPOINTS NEW CABINET

Listed below are the new cabinet ministers as appointed by the newly-elected premier, Alison Redford.

- Alison Redford, QC, Calgary-Elbow: Premier, President of Executive Council, Chair of Agenda and Priorities
- Doug Horner, Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Deputy Premier, President of Treasury Board and Enterprise
- David Hancock, Edmonton-Whitemud: Minister of Human Services, Government House Leader
- Ted Morton, Foothills-Rocky View: Minister of Energy
- Verlyn Olson, Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Deputy Government House Leader
- Fred Horne, Edmonton-Rutherford: Minister of Health and Wellness
- Ron Liepert, Calgary-West: Minister of Finance
- Thomas Lukaszuk, Edmonton-Castle Downs: Minister of Education
- Diana McQueen, Drayton Valley-Calmar: Minister of Environment and Water
- Jonathan Denis, Calgary-Egmont: Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security; Deputy Government House Leader
- Cal Dallas, Red Deer-South: Minister of Intergovernmental, International and Aboriginal Relations
- Evan Berger, Livingstone-Macleod: Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development
- Frank Oberle, Peace River: Minister of Sustainable Resource Development
- George VanderBurg, Whitecourt-Ste. Anne: Minister of Seniors
- Ray Danyluk, Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Minister of Transportation
- Jeff Johnson, Athabasca-Redwater: Minister of Infrastructure
- Doug Griffiths, Battle River-Wainwright: Minister of Municipal Affairs
- Greg Weadick, Lethbridge-West: Minister of Advanced Education and Technology
- Jack Hayden, Drumheller-Stettler: Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation
- Heather Klimchuk, Edmonton-Glenora: Minister of Culture and Community Services
- Manmeet Bhullar, Calgary-Montrose: Minister of Service Alberta

Central Alberta REA sent letters of congratulations to Premier Redford and all of the newly-appointed cabinet ministers. Congratulations to each of them on their success!

Great ideas are meant to be shared!

If you know someone that is going to buy a rural acreage or farm, wants to establish a business in a rural area, is thinking about subdividing land or has been approached by an oil/gas or telecommunications company about leasing land, call us today and let us know that person's name and contact information. We can handle the rest!

If that person does become a CAREA member, your name and the name of the person you referred will be entered into a draw for \$500!

**Check out
www.carea.ca
for news, outage
information,
photos and more!**

Please note our offices will be closed on Nov. 11 in recognition of *Remembrance Day.*



IMPORTANT REMINDER REGARDING YOUR CO-OPERATIVE ENERGY RATE PROVISION OPTION TERM

You have the yearly option to determine the term of your Energy Rate Contract. All you need to do is to provide CAREA with written notice by the end of November 2011 that you wish to have your energy service end on Dec. 31, 2014. To simplify the process, a short form is provided below for your convenience. If you do not provide CAREA with written notice before the end of November 2011 that you want your term to end on Dec. 31, 2014, you are agreeing to extend the term of your energy rate provision a further year (to Dec. 31, 2015). You continue to have this option each year. If you have any questions please call a CAREA service representative.

Date: _____

To: CAREA

Re: Co-operative Energy Rate Contract Termination Notification

I/We give notice that I/we hereby terminate my/our Contract effective Dec. 31, 2014.

Signature _____

Signature _____

Account No: _____

Account Name: _____

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.