

News letter

February 2020



310-POWR



Blue Mountain Power Co-op 2020 Annual General Meeting

Blue Mountain Power Co-op will be hosting our Annual General Meeting at the Dovercourt Hall on April 22, 2020. Doors open at 5:00 pm with a business meeting at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. There is no charge for the meal, however, ticket reservation is mandatory as we have limited seating. To reserve your seat please call us at 310-POWR (7697) or come into the Blue Mountain Power Co-op office before April 10, 2020.

Community Engagement Notification

Blue Mountain Power Co-op will be hosting a Community Engagement Meeting on March 3, 2020 at the Lou Soppit Centre. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the members of the Co-op and the public at large of the potential development of a renewable energy project in Clearwater County. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Finger food will be available and the presentation will begin at 7:00 pm.

Energy Purchase Options

The Provincial Rate Cap limiting the Regulated Rate Option (RRO) to a maximum of 6.8 cents per kWh has now been officially terminated. Blue Mountain Power Co-op members have options for the energy portion of your bill:

- ◆ Remain on the RRO (variable rate) currently set at 9.17 cents per kWh for February. No action is required for this option.
- ◆ Enter into a Fixed Term Stable Rate Energy Contract with Blue Mountain Power. The contract price is 7.5 cents per kWh and will run from March 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021. (Members may start at the beginning of any month during the term.) If you wish to purchase your energy from Blue Mountain Power on a contract basis, please contact the BMPC office via email at bmpc@bmpower.coop or via phone at 310-POWR (7697).

Customers are free to purchase natural gas services or electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit uca-helps.alberta.ca or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Distribution Rates: Effective as of January 2020

The Blue Mountain Power Co-op (BMPC) distribution rates are set by the BMPC Board to recover the cost of the distribution of energy within your Co-op system. The BMPC rates are among the lowest rates within Alberta.

The following farm rates take effect for the January 2020 billing period, and show an average savings of **61%** for our members compared to typical for-profit distribution rates.

Blue Mountain Power Co-op Not-for-Profit Rates			Co-op Member Monthly Savings	
Service Capacity (kVA)	2020 Blue Mountain Power Co-op Monthly Rates	For-Profit Utility Company Monthly Rates	\$	%
3	\$61.06	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	\$70.13	\$83.09	\$12.96	18%
7.5	\$81.61	\$117.65	\$36.04	44%
10	\$95.06	\$152.22	\$57.16	60%
15	\$131.66	\$221.36	\$89.69	68%
25	\$198.82	\$359.63	\$160.80	81%
Demand @ 50kVA	\$360.07	\$705.30	\$345.23	96%
Average Savings for Co-op Members			\$116.98	61%
BMPC only	Charge per day	Per kWh delivered		
Rural Residential	\$0.9168	0.025828	Conditions apply	

Qualifying for the Rural Residential Rate

In order to qualify for BMPC's Rural Residential Rate the following four conditions must be met:

- ◆ The service is a single family dwelling that is used for domestic purposes only.
- ◆ There are no revenues generated from any business activity on the property associated with the service.
- ◆ The property in question does not exceed 20 acres.
- ◆ There is not a farm fuel number associated with the property in question.

Should you wish to apply for the Rural Residential Rate please contact the BMPC office at 310-POWR (7697).

Blue Mountain Power Co-op Office will be closed February 17, 2020 for Family Day

Power Interruptions

Power Interruptions (blackouts) can occur at anytime, even in minus forty degree weather. BMPC has no control over these interruptions. Members are encouraged to be prepared for power interruptions at any time through the use of alternative sources of power such as generators and solar panels that are safely installed. More information can be obtained from the Government of Canada website <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-eng.aspx>.



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