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Member owned and operated.
Serving rural electrical members from Morinville,
east through to Lac La Biche.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Nominations - Election;

North Parkland Power REA's Annual General Meeting will be held March 30, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Egremont Community Hall. At this AGM, three (3) Director Positions are up for election/re-election as follows;

- One Director from Zone 1 (Abee/Thorhild/Newbrook aea) currently served by George Brodniansky,
- One Director from Zone 4 (Lac La Biche area), currently served by Harvey Yoder,
- One Director from Zone 2 (Bon Accord/Gibbons area), currently served by George Vansevenandt

New By-Laws;

Your Board of Directors is recommending that **three new** by-laws be accepted by the Membership at our next Annual General Meeting.

The **first** by-law refers to an updated definition of a Member 'in good standing',

The **second** by-law refers to conflict of interest and would indicate that employees and immediate family of any utility company, including NPP, are not eligible to serve as NPP Board Directors,

The **third** by-law refers to implementing a Director nomination/interview process in advance of any AGM be accepted to ensure the interest, awareness, commitment and knowledge level of potential Director candidates.

Glenn Nicol

General Manager
North Parkland Power

With a new year and a new budget, NPP distribution rate is increasing modestly to cover the increasing expense for vegetation management (brushing). Last year's increase in rainfall and moisture levels resulted in tremendous growth in the vegetation under and near our distribution lines. All of that growth resulted in more outages due to trees touching these lines. We have stepped up our vegetation program to reduce the impact of this growth. This has resulted in an \$8.19 charge added to the monthly distribution charge, across the Membership.

For comparison purposes we have also include a comparison to Fortis's newly approved rates for January 2011 to show the advantage of a member-owned utility.

Starting January 1, 2011 there is a reduction in the 'TRANSMISSION charge' applied by Fortis. This Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) approved rate for this year is now 1.7520 cents per KVA. Fortis's basic daily charge is .0419. Fortis also has a quarterly transmission rider of 24.18% and their distribution adjustment rider is 10.86%.

These rates flow through us from Fortis.

On your monthly bill there is also Balancing Pool credit from AESO of 0.2068 cents per KVA.

Farm Rate	NPP Distribution Rate Effective this billing	Fortis Distribution Rate, Effective Jan 2011	Difference between NPP and Fortis Rate
7.5 KVA	\$ 72.09	\$ 82.23	\$10.14
10 KVA	\$ 84.32	\$106.37	\$22.05
15 KVA	\$108.95	\$154.64	\$45.69
25 KVA	\$158.18	\$251.18	\$93.00

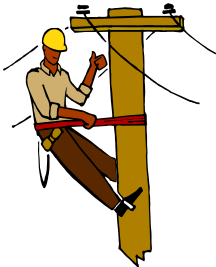
(This table does not include any transmission charges)

Please enjoy Family Day on February 21, 2011!

Our office will be closed for that day.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Over the next few months, our North Parkland Power Trucks will be in and out of your yards doing a system line patrol.



What this means is that they will be verifying breakers, transformer volts and serial numbers. Also if there is a rental yard light and how many poles are coming off the main line into your yard. They will also confirm if your service is overhead or underground and if there is any brushing to be done.

This is our preventative maintenance to better serve you the member.

In our continuing effort to help the environment, we are modifying our billing platform to offer an e-billing option to members. Once completed this gives Members access to their monthly bill on-line as well as capability to pay on-line.....Simply-easily-securely. Stay tuned for updates and the launch date!

Meter Reading

We now capture your electricity usage each month by reading your meter from the air.

Weather permitting; we fly as close to the last day of each month in order to be as accurate as possible.

This also means that our Members no longer need to manually read their own meter and call in the results.

It is important to note that North Parkland Power REA Members electricity usage will always be delivered by the distribution system owned and operated by North Parkland Power. Our Members are free to select an energy retailer of their choosing and a complete list of licensed retailers can be found at www.ucahelps.gov.ab.ca. Regardless of choice, NPP members will not be disadvantaged or in any way treated differently by NPP.

CONVENIENT PAYMENT OPTIONS

North Parkland Power now accepts the following methods of payment for your convenience.

Cash, Cheque, Debit, Visa and Mastercard



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