



Regulated Rate Option

July Regulated Rate Option (RRO)

Energy is will be: 6.8 cents/kwh

Variable (non-energy) will be: .501 for a total of 7.301

The monthly RRO rate is changes on the 1st of each month and is always on the home page of our website. In that same section you will also find a list of approved retailers and a helpful link to the UCA website where you can compare rates.

Linear Tax

Liner tax is not new but it is new to rural electrification associations. REA's have always been able to offer lower electricity rates due to its members being designated as agricultural.

As lands get subdivided and sold, more residential lots are popping up within our area. The Alberta Government has empowered the municipalities with the task of collecting linear tax on these residential lands. These taxes will be billed directly to Tomahawk REA based on the number of residential lots in our area.

What does this mean? This means the Tomahawk REA must provide the government with the number of residential members in order for the counties to apply this linear tax. We have been assured this will be a very small amount and will be based in the millrate. Members are asked to let us know what your classification is (agricultural or residential) - Refer to the bottom of the back page for help identifying.

You can report this via mail (Box 10030, RPO Black Gold, Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1W5, email (office.trea@gmail.com) or complete the short questionnaire on our website at: www.tomahawkrea.com.

What's on the go?

Valuation

The valuation of Tomahawk's assets has begun. Our administration has passed on a list of equipment we currently have to BEMA. We will keep you up-to-date as we learn more. We are currently working on tying all of our assets to their legal locations and members. These assets include transformers, meters, poles, and wire. In addition, we will be inputting vegetation, brushing, pole changes, meter changes, and other types of work order history per location. This will provide us with a very good history of each land location.

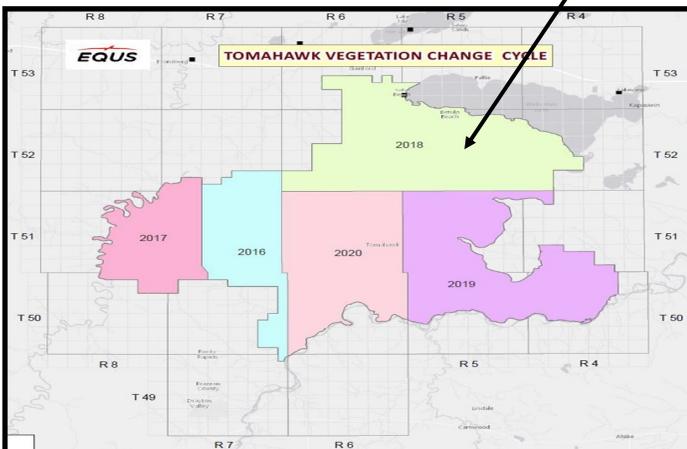
Requests from AGM

The Board of Directors received an extensive list of requests (more on back page). We are working diligently to formulate a plan of action to tackle these important matters.

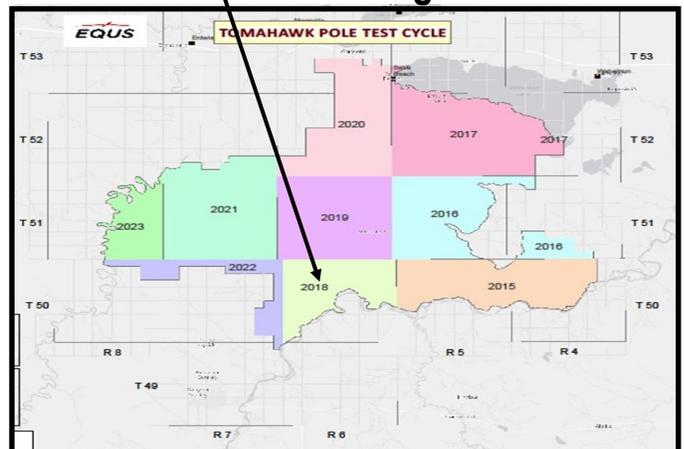
Vegetation Management and Pole Changes

Below are the maps provided by our DSO for the next few years. Check your area using the maps below to see if you are expecting vegetation management or pole changes this year. EQUS will seek permission from all members prior to commencing any vegetation

Vegetation Management



Pole Changes



Tips from our Distribution System Operator, EQUS

When it comes to power lines, one of the biggest threats to safety is vegetation. To maintain a safe electrical system, vegetation near power lines must be managed. TREA's vegetation management program operates on a five-year cycle. For that cycle to be effective, the vegetation activity in our service areas need to achieve enough clearance to maintain the line for five years.

Sometimes it is necessary to prune or remove trees to maintain a safe and reliable electrical system. Through proper pruning standards, we help provide a safe and reliable electrical system, as well as promote the health and well-being of the trees we prune. In 2018, the

vegetation management will commence in the fall and be completed within 3-4 weeks of commencement. For safety reasons, members should not attempt to remove any vegetation within 6 metres of any power line.

When you plant new trees on your property, look up to ensure that you are leaving adequate clearance between any power lines and trees once they are mature. At maturity, a tree's drip line (outermost circumference of the tree canopy) is to be at least 6 metres from any power lines.

Help us cut costs

If you've received this newsletter by mail you can help us cut down on paper, printing, and postage. Sign up at: www.tomahawkrea.com/COMMUNICATIONS

Help us keep in contact with you by confirming the information below and letting us know of any changes.

Phone numbers on file

Email on file

Communication method (Mail or Email)

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«Legal Address» Lot Block , Plan

Electric Service Accounts:

2018 AGM Brief

A full version of the minutes is on our website at www.tomahawkrea.com. Here are some highlights:

- 2017 AGM Minutes were passed
- Feddema & Associates was appointed as Auditor for this coming year.
- 3 new directors elected. Please welcome Terry Hutchinson, Edward Lang and Trent Myck!
- Requests from AGM—
 1. Costs of early termination with DSO
 2. Membership registry: use, access and good standing
 3. Records management
 4. Further details re: Note 9 on financial reports
 5. Options for RRO providers
 6. Options for DSO providers
 7. EQUS operational plans
 8. Verification of EQUS reports
 9. Process for a potential sale
 10. Amount owing under the Investment program
 11. Legal rights of members under the Investment program
 12. Unfunded liability
- That Tomahawk REA engage BEMA Enterprises to conduct a valuation of Tomahawk REA assets
- Rate decrease of 5% was approved effective May 1st (now on our website)
- That the Policy Committee review and provide recommendations on policies and bylaws to the 2019 AGM

Bill 13

Titled 'An Act to Secure Alberta's Electricity Future', this bill's main objectives are to enhance consumer protection, provide more options to Albertans who want to generate their own electricity from renewable or alternative sources and enhancing the creation of a capacity market.

This proposed new legislation will provide the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) with the ability to issue specified penalties to electric and natural gas service providers for particular breaches.

Under this act, The Minister of Energy will have the authority to make regulations respecting small-scale and community generation. The changes will enable a more flexible framework for community generation.

The bill amends several electricity acts and by establishing and enabling the capacity market, clarifies duties and responsibilities of Alberta's electricity agencies, revises the existing rules approval process, enables a provisional rules process and enhances

Intermingled System Study

The province of Alberta has hired a consulting firm to survey all Alberta REA's. The firm, Concentric Advisors is based out of the United States and also has an office in Calgary, AB.

The survey is voluntary and seeks information from the REA's including, but not limited to assets, sales, income and financial statements. The firm is to prepare an analysis report on the Alberta REA's derived from the information submitted and is unable to advise what the purpose of the study is for or what the information will be utilized for.

The Tomahawk Board of Directors discussed the survey at the June board meeting on June 19 and has motioned to decline participation.

Meet your new Directors

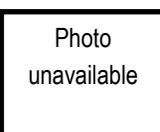
Six (6) members ran for the 3 open director positions and the top 3 were: Terry Hutchinson with 86 votes, Edward Lang with 91 votes and Trent Myck with 92 votes.



Terry Hutchinson

retired lineman

I was born and raised in the Tomahawk area and am currently running a cow calf operation. I have 30 plus years in the power industry from working on the distribution system to sub stations and on the big tower lines. I believe I can provide a valuable contribution to the board with my background as a



Ed Lang

My name is Ed Lang and I'm proud to be on the Board of Directors of the Tomahawk REA.

I was born in a small community called South Moon Lake and went to grade 1 in the old

schoolhouse. I bought the quarter section kitty corner from the schoolhouse so you can see I never got far in life! I worked for Northwest Utilities (Atco) for 10 years attaining Chief Gas Utility Man. Then went onto my own contracting business in 1980 until the present time. There must be some donkey in my heritage as I can be led but not pushed! I look forward to serving TREA Members over the next 3 years.



Trent Myck

I have lived in the community all my life and have been a long standing member of the TREA since 1988. I was previously nominated for a director position in 2015 however due to work commitments at the time I had to withdraw my nomination. With that said I would just like to say that I still stand behind my commitment now as I did then to continue to support the

Tomahawk REA and its stakeholder's best interests so that we as members of the association can continue to thrive as an organization.

In my past work experiences I have had the fortunate opportunity to work for a company that has allowed me to develop my communication skills in budgeting and planning (multimillion\$ short and long term), contract negotiations (new and renewals), Regulatory Government concerns and issues (Safety, Environmental, Public affairs etc.) and feel that this would be an asset to the stakeholders of the TREA.

AFREA

Look for information on our website from the Alberta Federation of REA's under COMMUNICATIONS.

TREA Rate Schedule

Look for our rate schedule on our website now posted on the on the website under MEMBER SERVICES.

Note to all Members

All members are free to purchase electricity services through TREA's regulated rate tariff or from a retailer of their choice. The delivery of electricity to you is not affected by your choice. If you change who you purchase electricity services from, you will continue receiving electricity from TREA. For a current list of retailers you may choose from, visit <http://www.ucahelps.alberta.ca> or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Linear Tax—what is your property designation

- ◇ Residential—no farming/agricultural/commercial/ industrial activities
- ◇ Agricultural/Farming—means the raising, production and sale of agricultural products

The deadline to let us know is July 15—if there is no response by then you will be classified at Agricultural/Farming

3 different ways to let us know.....

- 1 Tomahawk REA
Box 10030, RPO BLACK GOLD
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- 2 Email: office.trea@gmail.com
- 3 [Www.tomahawkrea.com](http://www.tomahawkrea.com)
And complete the 'classification' survey

