

Lakeland Power Co-op Member News

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Thefts

Lakeland Power Co-op would like to make our membership aware of the recent theft of wire and transformers from our system. It appears the thieves are targeting yards where no one is living. We have had 10 locations vandalized, and in some instances, poles were either cut down or simply pulled over with a truck resulting in power outages and exposing the public to a very dangerous situation.

If you notice strange vehicles patrolling your area, please notify the police.

If you notice that the powerline looks different than normal, please call the office.

January Cold Snap

On January 13th you may have received an Alberta Emergency Alert to warn Albertans about extremely high power consumption, with a message to conserve energy wherever possible. This alert was sent in an effort to prevent rolling blackouts, as only two days earlier the province was at an all-time high (12,383 megawatts) for energy demand. The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) sent this alert during peak usage period (4-7PM) and saw immediate response from Albertans. The power grid was within approximately 100 megawatts of starting outages, and as a result of the alert saw a 100 megawatt decrease of demand within one minute of the alert and another 100 megawatts shortly after that. Alberta also has the ability to import power from other provinces and states, such as Saskatchewan and B.C. While able to import some power from neighboring provinces to prevent a situation like this, the province was limited on the amount of power received as both provinces were experiencing the same cold snap. The grid was seeing these issues because there was a lack of renewable generation, caused by lack of wind and sun, as well as lack of natural gas generation, as one plant was offline, and another had mechanical errors due to the cold.

Throughout the temperature drop in January, Lakeland Power Co-op members only saw a handful of power outages! We would like to thank the members affected for their patience, as well thank our linemen for braving the cold. This alert is a reminder to be prepared for unplanned outages! Ensure you have a 72-hour emergency supply in case of a power outage, or another emergency situation.

2024 Stable Rate Option Contract

The 2024 Stable Rate Option Contract is available at the rate of 10.2 cents/kWhr. This contract expires on December 31, 2024. If you would like to switch over, please contact the office!

The RRO for the month of February is 22.791 cents/kWhr which includes the February RRO deferral account repayment amount of 6.534 cents.

Currently 77% of the Lakeland Power Co-op membership has locked in their rate with the Stable Rate Option.

The Lakeland Power Co-op office will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024 in lieu of Family Day.