

# Peigan Indian REA Ltd.



## NEWSLETTER

### **Peigan Indian REA Ltd. (PIREA) Starts Supplying Power to Members**

The Board of Directors has contracted Member Care out to Ermineskin REA Ltd. for a one year period commencing October 2008 and ending August 2009. Since 2000, de-regulation has changed the way electrical energy is priced and billed to everyone. We have seen many changes and players in the electrical market.

The current Regulated Rate Option (RRO) provider (EPCOR) energy contract ended in December 2005. Your Board of Directors has investigated all the different options that are available to the REA. A decision has been made that enables the Ermineskin REA Ltd. to be the billing provider with a focus on improving customer care to our members.

A transition period is necessary to take care of outstanding amounts and sort out details. Ermineskin REA Ltd. is projected to begin providing REA members with detailed electricity bills, based on their electricity usage beginning in October, 2008.

### **Message from Chief Reg Crowshoe:**

On behalf of the Peigan Indian REA Board of Directors we would like to extend our appreciation to the REA members for your continued patience while we continuously work on establishing the Peigan Indian Rural Electrification Association Ltd. We will continue to keep members updated on the progress of the REA.

### **Corporate Background:**

- ❖ The Peigan Indian REA is a non-profit organization
- ❖ Cheaper rates than other competitive companies
- ❖ Creating employment & controlled by the Piikani Nation
- ❖ Understanding of First Nations Needs with closer & In-depth customer care

## Our Team

Peigan Indian REA Ltd. Officer.....Katrina Little Mustache  
Peigan Indian REA Ltd..... Kirby Smith  
Utility Billing Clerk .....Brenda Ward  
Utility Operations Manager ..... Trevor Saulteaux

## Board of Directors:

President..... Chief Reg Crowshoe

Board of Directors:

Erwin Bastien	Lance Yellow Face	Doane Crow Shoe
Adam North Peigan	Charlie Yellow Face	Kerry Scott
Patsy English	Alvin Prairie Chicken	Kevin Provost
Jordan No Chief	Charlie Red Young Man	Herman Many Guns

Our long term plan for the Peigan Indian REA Ltd. is to engage the REA members to independently operate the REA. The initial planning stages for the PIREA Board will take place over the next year. A PIREA representative may be in contact with you to receive insight regarding the restructuring of the PIREA board.

## Payment Options

1. **Pre-Authorized Payment Plan** - The easiest payment method and our preferred method of payment. We will send you your monthly bill. Your account will be debited on the 15th of each month. This eliminates any worries if your payment being received is late or if it will miss the due date. There is a simple form for you to fill out and sign on the next page. Please fill it out and mail it back to us.
2. **Bank** - You can pay at any bank
3. **Telephone** - telephone banking
4. **Internet** - internet banking if you are set up with your bank.
5. **Mail** – please make payment to Peigan Indian REA Ltd., and mail to Box 1920, Hobbema, AB T0C 1N0.

## Default of Payment

If you default on paying your power bill, the following will occur:

- ❖ 2% per month penalty assessed,
- ❖ After 30 days of a missed payment, you may receive a call to find out why you have not paid,
- ❖ After 60 days of a missed payment, a disconnection notice will be delivered to you plus a \$100.00 notification fee will be assessed on your bill,

- ❖ After 90 days of a missed payment, your service may be completely disconnected or a limiter installed on your premises. A limiter allows approximately enough power for your furnace to run and one light bulb. Your power will not be restored until your account is paid in full plus a reconnection fee of \$250.00.

These rules may change at any time.

### **Outage Information**

Fortis Alberta will be continuing to provide Operation and Maintenance services as well as outage service to our REA. If the power goes out, please call Fortis Alberta at 310-WIRE (9473).

### **Customer Inquiry Contact Info**

You can phone to speak with our representative Brenda Ward by calling toll free @ 1-866-585-4037, Monday thru Friday, 8:30-4:30. To speak or book an appointment contact Katrina Little Mustache @ 403-965-3940, Monday thru Friday, 8:00-4:00.

### **Electricity Facts:**

- Distribution Lines are the portion of an electric system that is dedicated to delivering electric energy to an end user.
- The PIREA uses distribution lines to deliver the electricity to each 365 members of the REA.
- Transmission Lines are the movement or transfer of electricity energy over an interconnected group of lines and associated equipment between points of supply.
- The AltaLink 240 kV Line, which is going through the Piikani Nation, is a transmission line, which will transfer the electricity from the wind farms to the energy grid.

If you have any further questions regarding AltaLink 240kV please forward them to the Piikani Nation Administration (403) 965-3940.

### **Piikani Resource Development Manager:**

The Piikani Resource Development is pleased to announce our new manager Kirby Smith, Kirby began with us on August 6, 2008.

### **Please note:**

**EPCOR is still the RRO provider for your outside Yard Light. If you currently have a Yard Light you receive a monthly bill from EPCOR for approx \$ 12.00 to \$ 16.00. This bill is separate from your electricity charges to your house and is not apart of the PIREA. If you have any further questions regarding your outside Yard light or arrears, you can call EPCOR at 310-4300.**



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## How to read your meter

### **Dial Meter**

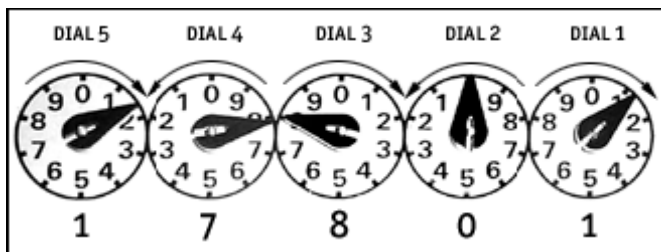
Stand directly in front of your meter.

Read and record each dial starting from the right and moving left.

When the dial pointer is between two numbers, record the smaller number (the number the pointer has just passed).

The meter is read from left to right. If the dial is pointing between 2 digits take the lower of the 2 numbers. When the pointer seems to be directly on the number, look at the dial to the right. If the pointer on the dial to the right has passed zero (0), write down the number for the left dial which the pointer seems to be on. If the pointer on the dial to the right has not passed zero, the pointer on the left dial is not yet directly on the number, so record the lower number.

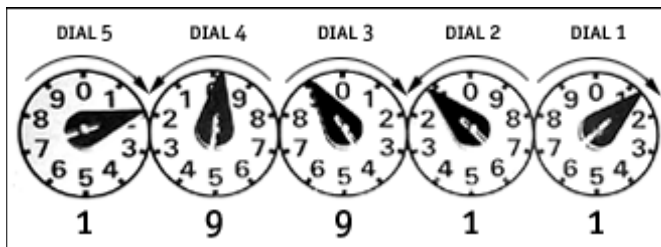
Here's one example:



- Dial 1 is on 1; record 1
- Dial 2 is on 0; record 0
- Dial 3 is on 8; record 8
- Dial 4 is between 7 and 8; record 7
- Dial 5 is on 2 but dial 4 hasn't made the full revolution to 0; record 1

The reading is **17801**.

Now a second example:



- Dial 1 is between 1 and 2; record 1
- Dial 2 is between 1 and 2; record 1
- Dial 3 is between 0 and 9; record 9
- Dial 4 is between 0 and 9; record 9
- Dial 5 is on 2 but dial 4 hasn't made the full revolution to 0; record 1

The reading on this meter is **19911**.



## APPLICATION FOR PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLAN

Please complete this form to enroll in the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan.

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Account Holder(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize Peigan Indian REA Ltd. and the financial institution on my VOID cheque to begin withdrawals for payment of my Peigan Indian REA Ltd. account. This authority is to remain in effect until I notify of its termination.

X \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized signature(s)

For bank accounts that require more than one signature—please provide all required signatures.

**Please return this form to:**

Box 1920

Hobbema, Alberta

TOC 1N0

**Please attach a blank cheque marked VOID to this application.**

**Payments will be deducted from your account on the 15th day of each month.**