

Reminder: Energy Contract Renewal

If you are currently on the EQUUS Co-operative Energy Rate, please note that **your current contract expires December 31, 2015.**

We are pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2016, the EQUUS Co-operative Energy Rate will decrease to **7.499 cents/kWh.**

To continue with the Co-operative Energy Rate, please have one of the account holders sign the highlighted spots in the contract that was sent to you in July and October and return it to EQUUS in the envelope provided. If you did not receive the new contract information, please contact your Member Service Administrator as soon as possible.

If you do not submit a new contract or sign up with a competitive retailer by December 31, 2015, you will automatically be switched to the Regulated Rate Option (RRO), which fluctuates from month-to-month.

For a list of competitive retailers in EQUUS' Service Area, please visit www.ucahelps.alberta.ca or <http://www.equs.ca/links/retailer-choice.html>. If you choose to obtain electricity from a party other than EQUUS, you will not be disadvantaged or in any way be treated differently by EQUUS.

If you did not receive a new contract, as shown above, please contact your Member Service Administrator toll-free at 1.888.211.4011.

Choices for Energy Service

As an EQUUS member, you have three choices when it comes to your energy supplier:

1) Co-operative Energy Rate Contract:

Under the Co-operative Energy Rate contract, EQUUS will supply energy for five (5) years commencing January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2020. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions of the Co-operative Energy Rate for further details on this option.

2) Competitive (Contract) Retail Service:

If you choose this option, you will purchase energy through a contract with a licensed competitive retailer who has registered with EQUUS. To choose from a list of licensed, competitive retailers, please visit www.ucahelps.alberta.ca.

3) Regulated Rate Option (RRO):

You may choose to receive a regulated energy rate through the Regulated Rate Option (RRO). Please note, the RRO fluctuates month-to-month. If you do not sign a contract with a competitive electricity retailer or EQUUS' Co-operative Energy Rate contract, you will automatically be defaulted to the RRO.

Green Your Energy Consumption with our Renewable Energy Credit Program

Prairie Power Ltd., on behalf of EQUUS, is proud to continue to offer the Renewable Energy Credit (REC) program that essentially allows members to consume green electricity.

What is a REC?

A REC is a Renewable Energy Credit, which equals one megawatt hour (MWh) of renewable energy that is physically metered and verified in Alberta. It is generated from a renewable energy source that typically includes wind, solar, geothermal, biomass and other energy sources. It usually does not include large-scale hydro or nuclear projects. Renewable energy has zero carbon emissions.

How do RECs work?

Physical electricity cannot be differentiated by the generation source, so it all goes into a grid and is consumed without delineation. When electricity is generated by renewable resources, there is a Renewable Energy Credit (REC) associated with the electricity generation that does not go into the transmission grid, rather the REC is separated from the electricity and can be transacted separately. RECs can move freely to other entities with the geographical market established by the government. Regardless of a member's geographical location they can purchase a REC that is created anywhere in the province and apply it to green the effects

of their electricity consumption. Through the two transactions, the electricity and the REC, the member is able to claim that the electricity they are consuming is from a renewable source.

Why purchase a REC?

Purchasing a REC shows a socially-responsible investment and supports renewable energy projects.

How much does a REC cost?

The price of a REC fluctuates up and down with market supply and demand. The current price for 2016 is \$20 per REC. One REC would provide green coverage for 1,000 kWh of consumption. The cost of the REC is in addition to the cost of electricity. You can green as much or as little of your electricity consumption as you choose to the nearest half of a REC. If you consume about 1,500 kWh in a month, you could "green" about 100 per cent of your electricity consumption by purchasing 1.5 RECs, equating to about \$30 (REC price \$20 x 1.5 RECS). You can purchase RECs in increments of one half. The number of RECs you choose to purchase will remain constant for one year (January 2016 to December 2016).

*If you have further questions or have interest in greening your electricity consumption, please contact our Main Office at 403.227.4011. If you are interested in participating in the Prairie Power Ltd. REC Program, please complete the form below and return it to EQUUS by **December 15, 2015.***

RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT APPLICATION FORM

Member(s) name:	Date:
Account number:	Land location:
Desired volume of RECs per month:	Confirmed monthly volume of RECs:

Volume note: The desired volume of RECs can be any whole or half number (i.e. 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5). There is no minimum or maximum requirement. The desired volume and resulting emission position of the member is at the sole discretion of the member.

Price:
\$20/REC
(Canadian \$)

Acknowledgment: I hereby acknowledge that I, the undersigned, have committed to purchase an amount of Renewable Energy Credit stated on this authorization form for each month in the period of January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016, at the price stated on this authorization form.

Signature

Value-Added Member Services



The Generac generator.

Be prepared in case of a power outage this winter by taking advantage of the great product offerings that EQUUS offers member-owners at cost.

GenerLink system: GenerLink is an interconnection device that acts as a transfer switch enabling the member to connect a portable

generator directly to the home's wiring system.

The GenerLink system is available at a cost of \$1,097.25*. It is installed and maintained by EQUUS for a monthly fee of \$10.28*, which covers maintenance and replacement costs.

GenerLink is designed as an alternative to expensive transfer switches and hazardous extension cords.

Generac Generator: The GP Series portable generators, by Generac, have a compact design, a large gasoline fuel tank and an easy-to-read gauge, covered outlets that

provide added protection from the elements or rugged working conditions, a hardened steel tube cradle and heavy-duty, never-flat wheels.

The 7,500-watt gasoline powered, electric start generator (up to 7.5 kVA) is available for \$1,556.10*.

**Prices include GST. Prices and product availability are in effect as of October 2015 and are subject to change. Financing options are available. Please call your Area Office for details.*

Save Energy (and Money) This Winter

- Make sure walls, attics and floors are filled with adequate insulation to cut heat loss.
- Cover windows with heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames to reduce drafts. Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.
- Install a programmable thermostat to easily set back the temperature of your house when you are asleep or out of the house.
- Close off heat and doors to unused rooms. Keep closet doors closed - you don't need to heat them.
- Caulk, weather-strip and use foam to seal air leaks. Pay special attention to the areas around windows and doors; where pipes enter walls; around light switch and outlet boxes and anywhere two materials meet.
- Switch out traditional, incandescent holiday lights for energy efficient LED holiday lights to reduce the cost of decorating your home for the winter holidays.
- Keep your furnace clean. Change or clean your filter monthly or as needed.
- Have your heating system checked yearly by a professional. Regular maintenance helps keep it working efficiently and safely.



Customer Connection Feedback Program Third Quarter Winner

FCD Holdings is the lucky winner of the third quarter Customer Connection Feedback Program draw - winning a \$250 EQUUS power bill credit! In July, FCD Holdings became a new member of EQUUS and co-owner Carole Deangelis remarked that the service crew provided good service with no issues.

Make sure you share your feedback with us for your chance to win. Any EQUUS member who has a service request, construction project or vegetation management service completed is eligible for the quarterly draw. Upon completion of the service, EQUUS

staff will contact you for your feedback. Member feedback takes just a couple of minutes, with only three questions to complete, and provides valuable information to ensure continued member satisfaction. Feedback can be provided over the phone, email, fax or by mail. Please ensure that EQUUS has the most convenient way to contact you on file.

The next Customer Connection Feedback Program quarterly draw for a \$250 power credit is December 31, 2015.

Last Call for Nominations to EQUUS Board

If you have professional or personal experience in finance, government relations, board policy and governance, communications, marketing or other business expertise, the EQUUS Board of Directors wants you!

For more information on becoming a Director of the EQUUS Board and to obtain a nomination package, please contact Marie Grono by email at mgrono@equus.ca, via phone direct at 1.403.227.7538 or toll-free at 1.888.211.4011.

Completed nomination packages must be received on or before December 15, 2015.

Happy Holidays From EQUUS

The Board of Directors, CEO, management and staff at EQUUS would like to wish our members a safe and happy holiday season, a merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

EQUUS, as always, will be available 24/7 this holiday season and would like to remind members that in the event of any emergencies, please contact your Area Office. Contact information is available below.



It is very important to note that your electrical distribution system provider will always be EQUUS, regardless of who supplies your energy. Members who choose to obtain electricity (retail electricity services) from a party other than EQUUS will not be disadvantaged or in any way be treated differently by EQUUS. For a list of energy retailers, visit www.ucahelps.alberta.ca.

Mailing address: Box 6199, 5803 42 Street, Innisfail, AB T4G 1S8

To report a power outage in your area, or for other services such as construction or vegetation management, please call your local Area Office.

Main Office
Phone: 403.227.4011
Toll-free: 1.888.211.4011
Fax: 403.227.1007

North Area Office
Phone: 780.967.3340
Toll-free: 1.888.627.4011
Fax: 780.967.3018

Central Area Office
Phone: 403.227.7535
Toll-free: 1.877.527.4011
Fax: 403.227.7540

South Area Office
Phone: 403.625.4154
Toll-free: 1.888.565.5445
Fax: 403.625.3569



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