

Thank You for Attending...

Thank you to all members who attended our Annual General Meetings (AGMs) in Lethbridge, Red Deer and Stony Plain.

The AGMs provide Directors and staff the opportunity to connect with members and to address questions and concerns.

During this year's AGMs, Sandra Thornton was elected to the Board of Directors. Sandra brings a wealth of experience in the field of communications and public relations and for the past seven years has worked as an independent consultant. She has governance and policy experience on numerous boards, including the Canadian Public Relations Society, Travel Alberta and the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Sandra is keenly interested in policy work and looks forward to serving EQUS in this capacity. EQUS would like to welcome Sandra to the Board.

John Ross, Jason Tweten and Bill Van Rootselaar were re-elected to the Board for another four year term.

EQUS would like to thank Evert Vandenberg, who is retiring after more than 10 years of service on the EQUS Board of Directors. We wish Evert the best of luck in his future endeavours.



Photo above: Sandra Thornton, who was elected onto the Board of Directors at the Annual General Meetings (AGMs), visits with members at the South Area AGM. Welcome, Sandra!

We would also like to thank Ed Stolk for his years of service on the EQUS Board of Directors. Ed joined the South Alta REA Board in 2009 and continued on as an EQUS Director following amalgamation in 2013. Ed participated on the Audit and Finance and the Governance and Policy Committees.

The 2016 Annual Report is available for pick up and the complete financial statement for 2016 is available to view at the EQUS Area Offices.

Highlights from Our
Annual General Meetings

Building Tomorrow's Leaders, Today



Do you know a youth looking to develop their leadership skills? Encourage them to apply for the ACCA Youth Leadership Program.

EQUS believes in supporting its members and in the importance of involving youth in the co-operative model.

Annually, EQUS sponsors four individuals (two males and two females) from its membership to attend the Alberta Community and Co-operative Association's (ACCA) Co-operative Youth Leadership Program. EQUS covers the full cost of attending the program for the chosen individuals. The Co-operative Youth Leadership Program provides an opportunity for youth, ages 11 to 18, to develop their communication, leadership and teamwork skills. These week-long programs take place at Goldeye Centre, located near Nordegg, Alberta. The setting provides the perfect environment to build friendships, discover hidden talents, learn new skills and contribute to their futures.

For more information about the program, and to start your application form, visit www.acca.coop/youth/registration. To submit your application contact Valdene Callin at 403.227.7541.

Deadline for sponsorship applications is Wednesday, May 10, 2017.



Join Us and... Tee off for Charity!

The 11th Annual EQUS Charity Golf Tournament has been sold out the last three years, so do not delay, register today.

The 11th Annual EQUS Charity Golf Tournament is getting set to tee off!

We would like to invite you to enjoy a round of golf and help raise funds for our charity-of-choice.

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Gleniffer Lake Resort and Country Club

Cost: \$90 per player or \$350 per foursome

All funds raised from the EQUS Charity Golf Tournament will go to food banks within the EQUS Service Area.

Enjoy nine holes of golf, team prizes, a steak lunch and the opportunity to socialize and network with colleagues and friends.



Second Quarter Transmission Rate

Quarterly update on transmission charges.

Effective on your service to April 30 billing, your transmission rate increased. The FortisAlberta AUC approved rate, which is applicable for REAs, for Q2 of 2017 is 4.4331¢/kWh. Included in the calculation of this rate is:

- a 2017 Balancing Pool Allocation Rider (BPAR), which is a charge;
- a Transmission Adjustment Rider (TAR), which is a charge; and
- the Quarterly Transmission Adjustment Rider (QTAR), which is a charge.

This increase reflects a 7.03% increase from Q1 of 2017.

Estimating Meter Reads

Answering your questions on how meter reads are estimated until the end of the month and more!

Effective January 1, 2017, EQUS changed its billing cycle dates and moved to a calendar month billing cycle. This is in alignment with EQUS' requirements under the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) Rule 004, which states that the monthly usage period must align with the monthly billing cycle. This means that if our billing cycle is from the first of the month to the last, the meter read information must follow this same cycle.

As an EQUS member, you can submit your meter read at any time of the month by mail, in-person, email, fax, submission via our website or over the phone. To accurately be billed for your actual usage, it is best to submit your meter read as close to the end of month as possible to eliminate the number of days EQUS will be required to estimate your remaining usage.

For example, if you read your meter on the 20th day of the month, you will be billed an actual read from the 1st to the 20th and you will then be estimated for the balance of the days to the end of the month. If, however, you read your meter and provide it to us on the second to last day of the month, you will only have estimated usage for one day.

As an estimate may not be 100% accurate, please note that if the estimated usage is lower than the actual usage, you will be charged for the difference on your next billing and if the estimated usage is higher than the actual usage, you will be credited for the difference. Differences between the estimated meter read and the actual meter read will occur more often during times of temperature fluctuation.



Celebrating EQUS

at 70 years

Join us for a pancake breakfast and share your REA story with other EQUS members and staff. EQUS goodies will be on hand for all who attend. These celebratory breakfasts will be held on the following dates, in a town near you:

- June 7: Busby
- June 8: Darwell
- June 15: Rimbev
- June 16: Sundre
- June 17: Hilltop Dairy, Fort Macleod at A-T Walk for a Cure

For more information, check out www.equs.ca/members/events/ closer to the event date.



EQUS in the News

Pat Bourne, EQUS CEO and Global Edmonton's Woman of Vision recipient was acknowledged for her leadership and vision at the Global News Woman of Vision luncheon in April. Her story can be viewed at equus.ca.

The Alberta Community & Co-operative Association (ACCA) awarded the Co-operative Innovation award to EQUS for its pioneering work as an REA. Retired Board Member, Evert Vandenberg will be receiving the ACCA's award for Co-operation.

Call for Operation Round Up Committee Member

The Operation Round Up Committee is looking for an EQUS member to fill a two year term on the Committee.

EQUS is looking for one member to sit on the Operation Round Up Committee. As a member of the Operation Round Up Committee, you will contribute to the review, assessment and approval of all Operation Round Up funding applications and the review of all end-of-project reports. The Committee is responsible for the approval of all disbursement of funds as outlined in the program criteria.

If you are interested in joining the Operation Round Up Committee, please visit www.equs.ca/community/operation-round-up/ for an application form or call Valdene Callin at 403.227.3542 ext. 130 for more information. **The application deadline is May 31, 2017.**

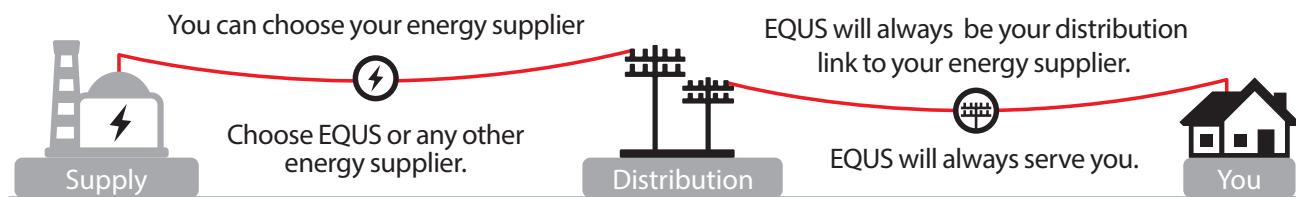
Members Matter and Member Referral

Congratulations to Colton and Erin Hilderbrandt, the winners of the quarterly Members Matter draw. The next Member Matters draw for a \$250 power credit is June 30.

EQUS members Colton and Erin Hilderbrandt are building an acreage in the Carstairs area. They contacted EQUS to

for their electrical needs and were connected in a timely manner. Colton remarked that the staff were friendly and easy to deal with. They took the time to provide their feedback on their service and were randomly chosen as the winners of the first quarter \$250 power credit draw.

In addition to the Members Matter draw, EQUS members can also enter to win a \$500 power credit by referring a member! Call, fax or email your Area Office with the prospective member's name, contact information and any other relevant details. EQUS will connect with the prospective member. Once that person becomes a member, you are entered into our annual draw. For each referral that turns into a new member, you will be entered into the draw for \$500; drawn annually at the end of the calendar year.



All members are free to purchase electricity services through EQUS' 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 EQUS. For a current list of retailers you may choose from, visit www.ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310.4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Power Out?

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

North Area Office
1.888.627.4011

Central Area Office
1.877.527.4011

South Area Office
1.888.565.5445

Main Office
1.888.211.4011

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