



Thank You For Attending

Over 100 members attended this year's Strategic Member Feedback Sessions! Thank you to our members who attended and gave such valuable feedback.

EQUS recently held our fourth annual Strategic Member Feedback Sessions in three different locations throughout our Service Area. As a co-operative, it is important for us to hear members' input on the overall direction of EQUS, and these sessions are an opportunity for members to hear about the Board of Directors' strategic priorities for next year and provide feedback.

We spoke to Tracey Kinsella, an EQUS member who attended the Central Area Strategic Member Feedback Session in Red Deer, on her experience in attending the event.

Tracey, who has been an EQUS member since 2001, first signed up to attend the session in order to get more involved. She says it's important to attend EQUS events to obtain more knowledge on the inner workings



EQUS members David (middle) and Tracey Kinsella (right) at the Central Area Member Input Session in Red Deer on November 7.

of EQUS, and ensure EQUS' goals and priorities aligned with hers. Tracey told us she felt as though her voice was heard and found EQUS staff really helpful in facilitating the roundtable discussion. Tracey would recommend more members attend sessions and sees them as a great opportunity for your voice to be heard as a member-owner.

Would you like to get more involved? For more events like this one, check out our events page, which is updated regularly: equus.ca/members/events.



Strategic Member Feedback Sessions

Reduce Your Footprint...

Renewable Energy Credits

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An REC equals ones megawatt hour (MWh) of renewable energy. 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.

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

Those who wish to participate in the Renewable Energy Credit program must fill out the form enclosed in November's newsletter and return it to EQUS by **December 15, 2017**. If you require a new copy of this application, please email communications@equs.ca. If you have interest in greening your electricity consumption, please contact our Main Office at 403.227.4011.



Wishing You and Yours a Happy Holidays

The Board of Directors, CEO, management and staff at EQUS would like to wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season.

In the spirit of neighbours helping neighbours, EQUS will be accepting donations in the form of any non-perishable food item at all Area Offices this holiday season. Those that bring in donations will receive an EQUS Christmas ornament.

Monetary donations will also be accepted in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 denominations, with the option of adding this donation onto your next bill. Member can do this over the phone through their Member Service Administrator or at their local Area Office.

All donations from the Central Area will go to the 16th Annual "Fill the Truck" Food Bank Drive, benefitting the Innisfail Food Bank. Donations from the North and South Areas will go towards the Onoway and Claresholm food banks, respectively.

EQUS, as always, will be available 24/7 this holiday season and would like to remind members that in the event of an emergency, please contact your Area Office. Updated outage information can be found on our website and social media accounts.



Photo (clockwise from top left): Stephen Black, Construction Powerline Technician, Chad O'Neill, Construction Work Leader, Jay Kirkham, Construction Powerline Technician, Angie Barbas, Area Service Administrator, Amanda Patton, Member Service Administrator and Darlene Thompson, Member Service Administrator.

New Revenue Opportunity for EQUS Micro-generators!

EQUS is pleased to announce a new program in partnership with ReWatt Power to open new revenue sources for our micro-generation members.

ReWatt Power has developed an innovative web-based platform to streamline a once expensive and time-consuming process of tracking and validating Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). RECs are purchased by major energy consumers to help offset their carbon emissions. Previously, a single micro-generation system producing less than 50KW of solar power did not generate enough power to produce an attractive amount of RECs.

ReWatt Power's platform will pool all of the micro-generation together across EQUS' membership to produce enough RECs to be attractive to credit

worthy buyers. Additionally, they will facilitate the transaction process with these buyers and then distribute the revenue back to EQUS' micro-generation members who are part of the program in accordance with the percentage of generation they contribute to the pool.

If you are a micro-generation member and want to join this program and start earning new revenue please contact Rick Maclise, EQUS Standards Manager, at 403.227.7533 to see if you qualify.



Member Profile

Name: Gavin and Mabel Hamilton Member Since: 1974

Area: Central

Occupation: Farm Owners

EQUS members Gavin and Mabel Hamilton (pictured right with their family) recently won the Innisfail & District Chamber of Commerce's Farm Family of the Year Award!

The Hamiltons have a rich family history rooted in rural Alberta, and have been EQUS members for over forty years. Gavin and Mabel's daughter Quinn and her fiance live on the farm, in addition to their son Colton - who happens to live on the portion which once belonged to his great grandfather, an original REA member.

In their spare time, the Hamiltons

are involved in their community. They are currently helping build the new community hall in Bowden and are also involved in the Cattle Feeders' Association, both on a national and provincial level.

Congratulations to the Hamiltons on the award!





An EQUS History Moment

Thank you for celebrating 70 years of co-operative success with us over this past year!

From celebratory pancake breakfasts to Family Fun Days, we've enjoyed thanking our members for their support through these events and educating them on the rich history of Rural Electrification Associations (REAs).

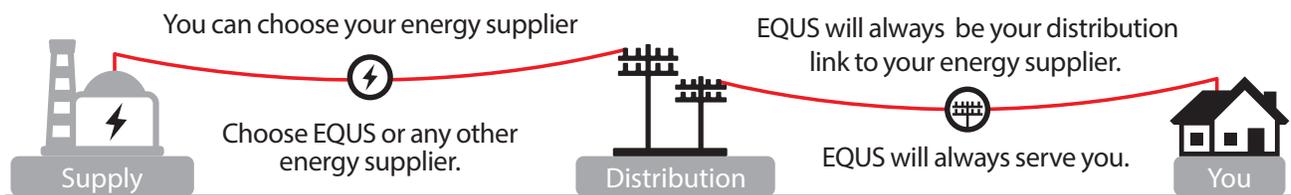
We hope you've learned a little bit about the history of EQUS, and have enjoyed these events just as much as we have. Here's to 70 more years of co-operative success!

Board of Directors Nominations

Completed nomination packages must be received on or before December 15, 2017.

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

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



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.

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1.888.627.4011

Central Area Office
1.877.527.4011

South Area Office
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