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Manager's Quote:

*Our grandfathers used
1/3 of this land to
produce energy; feed
for horses and
woodlands for heating.
Today none of our
farmland is used for
producing energy.
Perhaps this will change
as energy prices rise.*

*Ethanol and electricity
are now very possible
as new sources of
energy on the farm.*

May 2006

NEW LOCATION

We have moved. Lakeland REA has moved to a new location. Our new physical address is **4932-50th Avenue**, Vegreville, AB. We are in the Boyd Building, next door to IRIS Optical, across the street from the medical clinic, chiropractor, Dollar Store and SAAN Store.

We have come down to your level. Our new location has street level access and you do not have to climb a long staircase to visit us. Our office is also more visible. Many people had a hard time finding us at the Kal-Tire Building.

Thanks to Ken Baxandall for leasing the Kal-Tire location to us for approximately 3 years. It gave Lakeland REA a good reasonable place to start our business.

Lakeland REA would like to thank Dave and Brian Schultz for the renovations, Alta-Wide Building products for the building supplies and Vegreville Electric for electrical wiring. We started planning and construction for the new office in February and finally moved in on Wednesday, April 5. Drop in and visit us when you are in town. Our mailing address has not changed; our operation remains the same in every other aspect.

This will be a good location from which Lakeland REA can grow.

The NEW RRO from the Department of Energy.

Starting July 1, customers receiving the **Regulated Rate Option** in the province of Alberta must have 20% of the price of their power reflect month ahead prices. Every month a certain component of Albertans' power bills, starting in July, could have a different price for energy. In other words 80% of the price of your electricity can be a fixed hedged price but 20% must reflect a month-ahead price. The price-setting period for the 20% is 45 days before the month. For July 1, 2006, the price-setting period is May 17-June 30, 2006. That is when 20% of the price of your electricity must be decided. Then 5 days before the start of the month, Lakeland REA must submit this price to our regulating authority. This energy price must then be posted on Lakeland REA's web site, (www.lakelandrea.ca), on the **1st** day of the applicable month.

This process is repeated for each succeeding month. July 2007 the price setting mechanism increases to 40% month-ahead pricing. July 2008 is 60%, July 2009 is 80% and so on, until every Alberta Regulated Rate customer is 100% month-ahead priced in July, 2010.

I'm not making this up.

So what will the impact be on the price of your electricity? Initially the impact on your pricing will be very negligible, perhaps unnoticeable this year. 20% month ahead prices may be higher, they could be lower.

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At Lakeland we will be developing options for our members. These may include fixed priced contracts, flow through contracts and others. Lakeland REA remains committed to delivering good value to its members.

Our web site, (www.lakelandrea.ca) should be up and running in about 2 weeks.

Shelterbelts

Spring is here and our thoughts turn to growing things. Usually the best place to plant a shelterbelt or new row of trees is the exact location of our power line. Transplanted shrubs and trees may look very nice when first planted, but they grow. And many will reach the power line; even though the instructions tell us they will not exceed 10-15 ft.

DO NOT PLANT ANY TREES UNDER THE POWER LINE.

If your power line is in the wrong location and you want it moved to better suit your yard, give our office a call. We will let you know the costs or suggest alternatives in relocating the electrical structures on your yard. Your needs have probably changed since the power line was first installed 40 or 50 years ago and our member rates are reasonable.

Locked Gates and Vicious Dog Policy

Effective March 14, 2006 the Board of Directors has approved a new policy to deal with problems our servicemen and contractors have with vicious dogs and locked gates. The nature of our business can require access to the electrical facilities at any time, day or night. Locked gates and vicious dogs can impede our response to some very serious situations. A \$200.00 charge will be levied in the event that Lakeland REA personnel or contractors are prevented from completing their tasks due to vicious dogs or locked gates. This policy is identical to policies adopted by some gas co-ops.

Lakeland personnel or contractors may take protective measures to ensure their safety. This may include deterrent sprays or in some cases milk bones or dog biscuits to befriend obnoxious animals. The owner of the dog is responsible for protecting their animals from being fed or sprayed. If you want your gates to remain locked, please allow Lakeland REA to place an additional lock on the gate as well. We have a few locations where we have a Lakeland lock in addition to the owners lock on the gate. It works well.

Please direct all enquiries regarding these changes to our office.

Have a good spring. Here's hoping the rains come and **prices** grow as well as the crops.

Glenn Hennig, Director of Operations