

## Attention budget billing members:

A change is coming to the PRECorp Budget Billing program, specifically when participants' accounts will be balanced or adjusted for the coming year. Look in your mail for a letter that will outline the specific changes.

PRECorp offers a budget billing program for residential members to help even out seasonal spikes in power usage over a 12-month peri-

od. Annual billing is averaged to enable members to budget a fixed amount for their power bill each month. You must have 12 months of service history to enroll.

If you are interested in signing up for budget billing, please contact a Member Service Representative at 1-800-442-3630 to help get you set up.

## Be aware of safety while hunting

Be aware of what's behind that big buck or it might cost big bucks.

Thousands of PRECorp members' dollars are spent every year repairing equipment and power lines that have been struck by a stray bullet. As a not-for-profit cooperative owned by the members, we all share in this expense.

This doesn't even include the damages and hazards to members down the line who require power for medical equipment or other needs while a lineman does some hunting of his own looking at spans of line trying to locate the problem.

Hunters and other gun-owners should not shoot near or toward power lines, power poles, or substations. A stray bullet can cause damage to equipment, could create a safety issue, and potentially interrupt electric service to members.

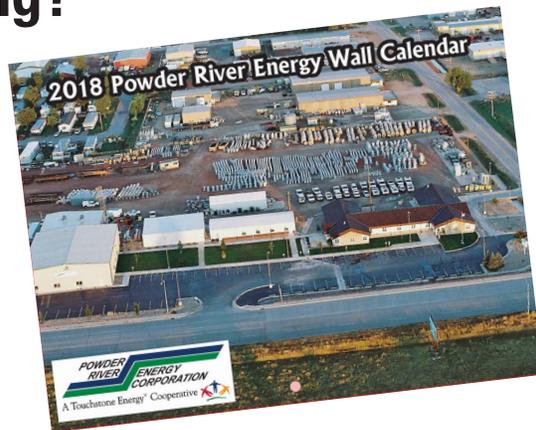
Sometimes the damage isn't noticed for several weeks or months, and is only discovered when an unexplained outage occurs.

Landowners are also encouraged to take note of nonmembers who are hunting on their property, and remind them to be aware of power lines.

- Do not shoot at or near power lines or insulators.
- Familiarize yourself with the location of power lines and equipment on land where you shoot.
- Damage to the conductor can happen, possibly dropping a phase on the ground. If it's dry and the electricity goes to ground, there is the possibility of electrocution and wildfire.
- Be especially careful in wooded areas where power lines may not be as visible.
- Do not use power line wood poles or towers to support equipment used in your shooting activity.
- Take notice of warning signs and keep clear of electrical equipment.
- Do not place deer stands on utility poles or climb poles. Energized lines and equipment on the poles can conduct electricity to anyone who comes in contact with them, causing shock or electrocution.
- Do not shoot at, or near, birds perching on utility lines. That goes for any type of firearm, including pistols, rifles or shotguns.
- Do not place decoys on power lines or other utility equipment. Anything attached to a pole besides utility equipment can pose an obstruction - and a serious hazard - to electric cooperative employees as they perform utility operations.

# Miss the Annual Meeting?

If you missed the August 26 Annual Meeting and the prizes, there's still a chance to take something home. There are a limited quantity of 2018 Calendars available at our Gillette, Sheridan, and Sundance offices. Stop in the next chance you have.



## How do PRECorp rates stack up?

Living in rural northeast Wyoming means as a cooperative we have fewer members per mile in which to allocate operating costs. That said, in comparison with our neighbors, PRECorp's pricing remains competitive despite recent price pressures. The charts below show some of the data comparing what PRECorp residential members pay on average per month compared to customers of other electric providers. The average residential member uses 1200 kWh per month.

Comparisons are drawn regarding how PRECorp members fare in contrast to their fellow power customers across the United States, followed by the averages for the region, cooperatives versus other business models, and state averages. Much of the data is updated on the websites of the Wyoming Public Service Commission and the Energy Information Administration.

\* This is not inclusive of all power suppliers in the region.

