

Power Lines

NOVEMBER 2024

Utility bill relief program available

Do you anticipate problems making ends meet with your electric bill? Contact PRECorp to confidentially discuss options as soon as possible.

Our member service representatives can present options that may alleviate some financial stress. Call 1-800-442-3630 to start the conversation.

A primary option for those in need is the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). This program is administered by the Wyoming Department of Family Services (DFS).

The purpose of the LIEAP program is to help low- and fixed-income families and individuals pay their heating bills during the winter months. Priority is given to households that include elderly (age 60+), disabled, and/or young children (age 5 and under).

Seasonal LIEAP benefits must be applied to a household's main heat source (the fuel your heat system uses to heat the home; not the power source needed to turn on the furnace). Additional assistance may be available through the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) for repairs to inefficient or broken heating systems.

LIEAP is federally funded through a block grant administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Anyone applying for LIEAP is also applying for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and will be considered for this one-time benefit to assist families and individuals with boosting energy efficiency in their homes to reduce home energy costs.

If an applicant needs assistance with utility deposits, propane tank sets, have received disconnect or shut-off notices, are out of propane, heating oil, wood, pellets, or coal, a request for special situation assistance can be made on the application.

Applications for seasonal heating benefits are accepted online only from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. To complete the application through the secure member portal or for more information go to www.lieapwyo.org or call 1-800-246-4221.

Events Calendar

The list of PRECorp events includes Board meeting dates, holidays, telephone town hall meetings, and more.

- Monday, November 11 Veterans Day Holiday, PRECorp OFFICES CLOSED. Call 888-391-6220 to report an outage.
- Wednesday, November 19 -PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, Gillette, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, November 21 Telephone Town Hall meeting with CEO Brian Mills, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 26 PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., teleconference
- Thursday and Friday, November 28-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday, PRECorp OFFICES CLOSED. Call 888-391-6220 to report an outage.
- Tuesday, December 17 PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sheridan
- December 24-25 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, PRECorp OFFICES CLOSED. Call 888-391-6220 for an outage.
- January 1, 2025 New Year's Day, PRECorp OFFICES CLOSED.
 Call 888-391-6220 for an outage.
- Monday, March 3, 2025 All-Employee Meeting, PRECorp OFFICES CLOSED. Call 888-391-6220 for an outage.

Have a medical necessity?

In an effort to better serve our members with special home health care needs, PRECorp is requesting information from our members who may have electricity-dependent residential medical equipment such as oxygen or dialysis machines.

Typically this information is gathered when members join the Cooperative and sign up for PRECorp electrical service.

However, if members have obtained the medical equipment since joining the Cooperative or have updated contact phone numbers, members are advised to share that information with PRECorp.

The purpose for knowing this information is to notify members with medical necessities of

scheduled outages that might impact their service.

Members will need to provide a doctor's note for our files explaining the medical necessity.

For more information or to update your information, contact PRECorp Member Service at 1-800-442-3630.

Powder River Energy Corporation will make every effort to restore electrical service as soon as possible during an outage. There is no guarantee the power will be restored within a given time frame. Individuals are responsible to have an alternative plan if power cannot be restored before any condition becomes critical.

Youth Camp, Tour, scholarships available

As part of the cooperative "Commitment to Community" Powder River Energy facilitates a variety of student scholarships to its members' dependents.

The following are capsules on other scholarships available through PRECorp, deadlines, and online application resources. Scan the code at the right, or go to www.precorp.coop/student-scholarships for complete details.

Youth Leadership Camp

PRECorp sponsors a week-long cooperative leadership experience for local high school students age 16 and up. The camp is held in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, July 12-17, 2025. All expenses are paid for students selected. The student's parents/guardians must be PRECorp members. The application deadline is January 15, 2025.

Youth Tour

Local PRECorp juniors or seniors might also qualify to attend an all-expense paid Cooperative Youth Tour of Washington, DC. The student's parents/guardians must be PRECorp members. The application deadline is January 15, 2025.

Basin Electric Scholarship - \$1,000

Applicant's parents or legal guardians must be PRECorp members. **The deadline: January 31, 2025.**

R.O.S.S. program

The Rising Opportunity Student Scholarship (R.O.S.S.) will award up to four \$2,000 R.O.S.S. scholarships for students entering tuition-based training, certification, and de-



gree programs in 2025. The program is made possible by a fund established by Campbell County native Perry Ross. **The deadline: February 28, 2025.**

Powder River Energy Corporation Scholarship - \$2,000

Open to qualifying seniors and post-secondary students from 14 high schools and up to 5 college students in its service territory. Applicant's parents or legal guardians must be active PRECorp members. The deadline: February 28, 2025.

PRECorp Lineman Scholarship

The PRECorp Lineman Scholarship is available to qualifying applicants who plan to attend an approved lineworker training program. Awards can be up to \$7,000. **The deadline: February 28, 2025.**