

PRECorp distributes bill credit

Basin Electric, PRECorp's wholesale power supplier, issued a \$2.1 million power bill credit to PRECorp in December 2021. The PRECorp Board has approved applying this credit to members' bills.

The amount of the bill credit is based on formulas for each member's 2021 patronage. These calculations will appear on your February statement. Anyone with questions about this bill credit, please contact PRECorp Member Service at 1-800-442-3630.

Scholarship deadlines March 1

Powder River Energy Corporation facilitates many scholarships for eligible high school and post-secondary students from north-east Wyoming.

To apply for any of the scholarships, students must satisfy the required criteria and complete the scholarship application. Updated 2022 scholarship information is available online at: www.precorp.coop//student-scholarships.

Descriptions and deadlines for some of the scholarships follow:

Powder River Energy/Foundation Scholarship - \$1,500

To qualifying seniors and post-secondary students from 14 high schools and up to 5 at-large students in its service territory. Applicant's parents or legal guardians must be active PRECorp members. **The deadline for the Powder River Energy Corporation Scholarship is March 1, 2022.**

Barb and Bill Geis Memorial Scholarship - \$400 to \$1,000

To qualifying seniors from Coal Country FFA or Gillette FFA in Campbell County, who are pursuing careers benefitting the agriculture industry. **The deadline for the Barb and Bill Geis Memorial Scholarship is March 1, 2022.**

Kathleen Tavegie Memorial Scholarship - up to \$1,000

This scholarship is available to students of PRECorp members from Weston County who are pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. **The deadline for the Tavegie Memorial Scholarship is March 1, 2022.**

PRECorp Lineman Scholarship - \$3,000 and up

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 for the PRECorp Lineman Scholarship is March 1, 2022.**

Events calendar

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

- **Monday, February 21** - All-Employee Meeting, PRECorp offices closed. Call 1-888-391-6220 with an outage.
- **Tuesday, February 22** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gillette
- **Tuesday, February 22** - PRECorp Foundation Board meeting, 10:30 a.m., Gillette
- **Wednesday, March 2** - PRECorp CEO Telephone Town Hall, member invite call at 6:30 p.m., stream live on Facebook, or dial 888-886-6602
- **Tuesday, March 22** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sheridan
- **Tuesday, March 22** - PRECorp Foundation Board meeting, teleconference
- **Tuesday, April 19** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gillette
- **Tuesday, April 19** - PRECorp Foundation Board meeting, 9 a.m., Gillette

Tampering is not safe, and not tolerated

Incidents of vandalism, copper theft, or other intentional damage to PRECorp poles, lines, meters, and transformers is an ongoing concern.

Some incidents involve shots fired at poles or substations. Others involve the removal of copper wire from PRECorp infrastructure as a direct theft. Thefts of copper, aluminum and bronze have been committed locally and across the nation at unguarded industrial or construction sites, empty homes and—most dangerous—at power poles and even substations.

PRECorp takes a firm stance against these types of behaviors because any contact with energized equipment can cause high-voltage shocks with severe burns, or fatal electrocution. Thieves in other parts of the nation have been seriously injured and even killed attempting to steal metal from power facilities.

Another cost is to the law-abiding members. All it takes is one incident to put hundreds of PRECorp members in the dark.

Tampering, theft, and vandalism do not always show up immediately, but eventually crews dis-

cover the damage during routine inspections or maintenance. Sometimes the damage causes delayed-reaction outages that must be repaired.

PRECorp crews work very hard in all conditions to provide high-quality power, and man-made outages due to vandalism or theft put them at risk and create unnecessary hardships for our members.

As PRECorp members, we share ownership of this equipment equally and acts of vandalism come at a cost to us all, by impacting the cost to safely deliver power.

We need your help to keep our equipment safe, prevent outages and protect lives. If you see anyone other than our utility personnel or contractors around substations or other electric facilities, report it to your local authorities, or call the PRECorp 24-hour dispatch number at 1-888-391-6220.

PRECorp works with local law enforcement to investigate the crimes. If anyone has any information about specific incidents of vandalism, copper theft, or suspicious tampering with PRECorp equipment, please call local law enforcement. All information will be kept anonymous.

Plant Trees Safely

Before you dig, call 811 to locate buried utility lines.

LOW TREE ZONE

Avoid planting within 20 ft. of power lines. If planting is unavoidable, only plant shrubs and small trees that reach a mature height of 15 ft. or less.

MEDIUM TREE ZONE

Plant medium trees (under 40 ft. when mature) at least 25 ft. away from power lines.

LARGE TREE ZONE

Plant large trees (over 40 ft. when mature) at least 50 ft. away from power lines.

