

Why two billings for Seasonal Accounts?

We heard the voices of many Seasonal Account members after the additional billing in January. In our November PRECorp News, we provided information about a projected Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA) decrease in 2019. That decrease became effective on January 1, 2019. What we failed to mention was that, as a result of that change in the COPA charge, Seasonal Accounts were billed again in January for November and December 2018, to close out 2018 with the correct charges. We apologize for any inconvenience that this extra bill may have caused.

Be aware of scams

Scammers will try just about anything to trick PRECorp members into handing over money or personal financial information. Be aware that many scam calls will have the deceptive caller ID of Powder River Energy, and the voice on the line will claim to represent PRECorp.

They may threaten to shut off power unless a payment is made over the phone. Others may ask you to wire money from a local store. Some of the scammers will be very pleasant on the phone, while others may be quite rude.

Do not engage the scammer on the phone. Just hang up and give PRECorp a call.

Businesses are often targeted. The crooks try to take advantage of short staffs or the boss being away to pull off the scam. Notify your employees about the threat of scam calls on evenings, holidays, or weekends.

Remember, the only number you can trust to ensure secure account and billing management is 1-800-442-3630. If you receive a call saying your bill is unpaid or past due, call our toll free number.

Events calendar

The PRECorp Board of Directors meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. rotating between the offices in Sundance, Gillette, and Sheridan. Meetings might be moved to avoid conflicts with state or national cooperative events. The tentative dates for 2019 are as follows:

March 18-19 - Sheridan

April 16 - Sundance

May 21 - Gillette

June 17-18 - Sheridan

July 16 - Sundance

August 20 - Gillette

September 16-17 - Sheridan

October 15 - Sundance

November 19 - Gillette

December 16-17 - Sheridan

Other events to remember:

- **Friday, March 29:** Application deadline for *PRECorp Scholarship* and *Swanda Scholarship*. Swanda Scholarship applicants must be Crook County high school seniors entering ag-related studies in post-secondary schools.
- **Saturday, April 27:** PRECorp Apprentice Lineman Scholarship Banquet, 5 p.m., Gillette Cam-Plex Energy Hall.
- **Saturday, June 1:** Durham Ranch Buffalo Stampede 5K/10K walk/run, 7 a.m. at the ranch north of Wright. Fundraiser for PRECorp Foundation. Go to www.precorpfoundation.org for more information.

Did You Know?

Powder River Energy has retired \$49.1 million to consumer-members since 2004 - \$8.4 million in 2018 alone. Because electric cooperatives operate at cost, any excess revenues (called margins) are allocated and retired to members in the form of capital credits.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Streaming content with electronic equipment that has earned the ENERGY STAR® rating will use 25 to 30 percent less energy than standard equipment.

Source: energy.gov



Sign up for Operation RoundUp® and win a 25-pound bundle of Beef and Pork. (Valued at \$100)

Powder River Energy is offering Operation RoundUp® members and new enrollees a chance at a free bundle of locally-raised 4-H beef and pork, just because you are a part of the monthly contribution network to the Powder River Energy Foundation. If you are currently enrolled in Operation RoundUp®, or you sign up by 5 p.m. Friday, March 29, you will be entered in the drawing on Monday, April 1. If you are not a member of Operation RoundUp®, **SIGN UP NOW** by checking the box on your bill, or by calling PRECorp at 1-800-442-3630.

