



Big Horn REA is excited to announce that our new office in Basin is open for business!



We moved in on July 16 & 17, 2018. While we are still waiting on some furnishings and a few projects to be completed, we are in and conducting business from our new home.

We can now be found at 415 South Street in Basin – right across the road

from our Board Member Don Russell's office. Please stop in and say hi – we'd love to see you! Plans are underway for an Open House. Please keep an eye out for the invitation in your bill – probably in September.

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DID YOU KNOW

Did you know you can reduce heating and cooling needs up to 30 percent by properly insulating and weatherizing your home?

CLOSED



Big Horn REA will be closed Monday, September 3, 2018, in observance of Labor Day.

Big Horn REA Helps Sponsor Antelope Butte Summer Festival

Big Horn REA was proud to help sponsor the Annual Antelope Butte Summer Festival which was held July 20-22, 2018 at the Antelope Butte Mountain Recreation Area.

As a member of Touchstone Energy, Big Horn was able to bring in the Touchstone Energy hot air balloon and offer tethered rides to those in attendance. According to Antelope Butte Board Member Jeff Grant, "The weather was great, the music was great, and we had a really good turnout."

Big Horn REA is proud to support our local communities and businesses. It's the Cooperative Way!



What is the Cooperative Advantage?

- Electric co-ops are *community-focused organizations* that deliver safe, reliable and affordable energy to their consumer-members.
- Our electric co-op is unique because *we belong to the communities we serve*. The co-op is *led by its members*, which gives us a unique understanding of the needs of our local communities. In fact, many of *our leaders and employees live right here in the community* and are members of the co-op—just like you!
- Because we answer to local members (that's you!) rather than far-away shareholders, *we're more nimble and able to respond quickly to the changing needs of our community*. We even share any excess revenue with our members because we're not-for-profit.
- Even though we're locally-owned and operated, *we cooperate with other electric cooperatives* across the country to develop new technologies, invest in equipment and infrastructure that benefits multiple co-ops in a region, and assist with major outages. This type of *collaboration allows us to address complex challenges* while remaining true to our local roots.
- *Our electric co-op was built by the community, belongs to the community and continues to be led by the community*—that's the cooperative difference!



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5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities. Always call 8-1-1 first. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:



1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.

2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project location.



Source: call811.com



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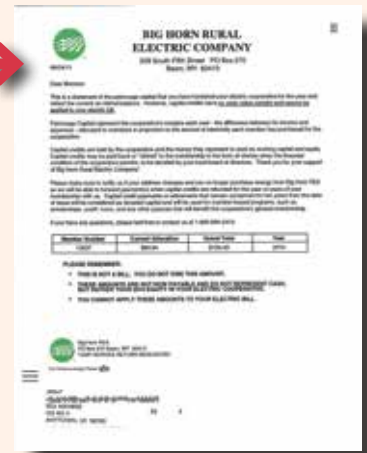


Allocation Notices

It's that time of year again...Big Horn REA has sent out Capital Credit Allocation notices to each member. This is a statement of how much was allocated to your Capital Credit account for the year 2017. This is for informational purposes only. **It is not a bill.** It is not saying you will be receiving this amount of money now. This amount **will not** be credited to your electric bill.

Because Big Horn REA is a non-profit cooperative, all revenues we receive that are in excess of all expenses, are allocated back to our members based on the amount of power they consumed. These funds are retained by the cooperative and used to build and maintain the electric system. The amount and timing of capital credit distribution is determined by the Board in the exercise of its discretion.

Your capital credits remain on the books in your name and member number until they are retired. Because payments are made approximately 25 years after credits are earned, you should ensure that Big Horn REA always has your current mailing address.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Look for LED products and fixtures for outdoor use, such as pathway, step and porch lights. Many include features like automatic daylight shut-off and motion sensors. You can also find solar-powered lighting for outdoor spaces.

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