



January 28, 2018

To Congregations and Kasota East Camp,

Grace and peace to you from Red Deer Presbytery (RDP). At our meeting in November 2017, we heard a presentation from **Alberta Cooperative Energy (ACE)**. The members of the court asked vigorous questions, both of the presenter, and each other. After further discussion, we voted in favour to encourage congregations and pastoral charges to consider ACE as an energy supplier (Motion 2017/18-62). Given that Presbytery will not continue to exist formally following December 31, 2018, we agreed it is best if Congregations establish their own relationship with ACE.

If you decide to sign up, each congregation would be given their own promotional code, which could be used by the congregation, staff, congregants and others..

Under our agreement with ACE, there are the following two options:
Fixed Price A fixed price option, or an **Index (Floating Rate)** option.

The **Fixed price** option, is a one-year contract (Jan - Dec) for a 12-month fixed price (electricity 5.55 cents/kWh and natural gas (\$3.50 GJ).

The **Index (Floating Rate)** option is the Index (Floating Rate) cost of Power and Natural Gas. The prices will vary from month to month. The floating rate option has traditionally been the least expensive rate, for both Power and Natural gas over time and especially the last three years. The Index (Floating Rate) option automatically renews every 30 days. ACE will provide the electricity Index (Floating Rate) plus their administration fee of \$0.0075kWh as well as the natural gas Index (Floating Rate) plus \$0.25 cents/GJ over the actual price (variable rate.)

Both the rates and administration fees have been investigated and are more than competitive based on the accounts reviewed to date.

Another option is for Congregations to add a fixed percentage above the rate and Administration fee. In effect, the church would receive a monthly donation (of that percentage) from anyone in the congregation who uses their church's promotional code. ACE would provide guidance around these additional rate add-ons, as well as manage the promotion. The rate would need to be approved at a Congregational Meeting and, once determined in conjunction with ACE, would not be subject to change later.

As stewards of God's gifts, Presbytery urges you to take advantage of this ACE offer for electricity and natural gas. It is an exceptional offer and Presbytery is excited to work with ACE to benefit all of us.

If you are already in a contract, we encourage you to investigate any buy out penalties prior to switching providers. It may be in your best interested to let the contract run out and then sign up with ACE.

To sign up, please respond in writing/email to Beatrix Schirner with the following information:

- 1) Exact legal name of your church
- 2) Whether it is for both power and gas or only one or the other
- 3) Are you currently in a contract?
- 4) When does your contract end?
- 5) Submit one complete invoice for both power and gas
- 6) Please provide a contact name and information.

If you require further information, please contact Ruth Lumax or Beatrix Schirner (after Jan. 31). We are pleased to be able to offer you this great opportunity.

Yours in Christ,



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