

# Niton REA



## Meter Reading

Metering data is used for two purposes:

- The read is used to calculate the members' monthly electricity invoice. Where a read is not available, an estimate is used in the calculation.
- The meter read (or an estimate, where a meter read is not available) is used by AESO to generate the monthly Power Pool invoice, which the REA is required to pay for the purchase of the aggregated consumption of all members' power usage. The dollar amount on the Power Pool invoice is either based on the hourly power pool price or based on the forward hedged price secured by Niton REA.

Accuracy in reading your meter is critical in not only making sure your monthly invoice is correct, but also in ensuring the REA is not overcharged by AESO. It is our goal to minimize the amount of estimates used in the monthly meter read cycle. As such, Members are encouraged to read your meters.

Remember, always read the meters from left to right. When reading the dials, always read to the lower number.

Example:



In this example, there are five dials. Each dial rotates in an opposite direction from the one beside it and the numbers are in correct numerical sequence for the direction in which the dial rotates. In this example Dial #1 (far right) rotates clockwise and represents kilowatt hours. Dial #2 (second from far right) rotates counter clockwise and represents tens of kilowatt hours, etc. The meter reading in this example is 66649 kilowatt hours.

FortisAlberta will only accept meter reads on certain days of the month depending on which bill cycle your meter is on. To find out which days you can submit your meter read, you need to phone FortisAlberta at 310-WIRE(9473).

**Tip:** Your meter dials work like a car's odometer. When a dial has made one full rotation, it will return to 0 (and the dial to the left will advance by one). If a dial isn't pointing exactly to 0, the dial hasn't made one full rotation yet. This means that, even if the dial to the left looks like it's pointing exactly to one number, it hasn't quite made it there yet. This is why it's important to read the meter from right to left. When a dial is between two numbers, choose the lower number. When the dial is between 9 and 0, think of the 0 as a 10. This means that 9 is the lowest number.

### Inside This Newsletter:

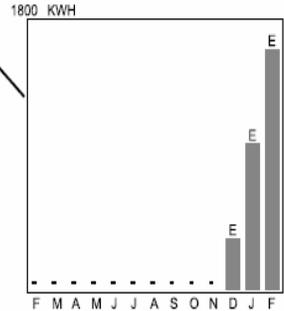
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We apologize that our invoices were mailed out so late last month. Mary was ill and unavailable to get them out sooner. We are striving to have your invoices out to you within the first few days of the month. Thank you for your patience.

E1 indicates Estimate  
 A1 indicates Actual  
 By law, we are required to invoice you based on the consumption data that FortisAlberta provides to us.

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**Account:** 3333333333  
**Invoice:** 800  
 Service at SE 00 00 00W5 NITON REA L  
 Site: 0040333333333  
 Billing Period: 01/18/2006 - 02/23/2006  
 Statement Date 03/08/2006  
 Billing Demand 7.5 KVA

This graph displays your monthly usage.



Meter #	From/to Read Date	Current Read	Previous Read	Consumption
000000000000333333-E1	01/18/2006 - 02/15/2006	93595	92639	956 KWH
000000000000333333-A1	02/15/2006 - 02/23/2006	94841	93595	1246 KWH

<b>Previous Balance</b>	\$138.85
<b>Payments</b>	
Payment 02/28/2006	\$-138.85
<b>Balance Forward</b>	\$0.00

<b>Current Charges</b>	
Energy Charges (956 KWH x \$0.0800)	\$76.48
Energy Charges (1246 KWH x \$0.0800)	\$99.68
REA Charges	\$21.76
Fortis Dist./Trans.	\$59.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$256.92</b>
GST	\$17.98
<b>Total Due by 03/20/2006</b>	<b>\$274.90</b>

**General Message:**

We would like to thank everyone for your patience during our first month of operation. Due to the high volume of calls to our billing center, we ask you to leave a message with a phone number so we can call you back. This is the quickest method for us to address your concerns. Please review your mailing information and notify us of any changes as soon as possible. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INVOICE DUE DATE IS MARCH 20, 2006. Thank You.**

Energy charges are based on kwh. The kwh comes from FortisAlberta and then is multiplied by the price per kwh which is determined by the Board of Directors.

REA charges are created by 3 components: Deposit Reserve charge, Association Levy, and Administration charge. Deposit Reserve is used for capital improvements to the system (such as transformer increases). Association Levy is used to pay for administration of the REA. Administration charge is to pay for invoicing your power bill.

Fortis Dist./Trans. are the charges for transmitting the power from the Generator to your home and for operating and maintaining the wires so that your power is not disrupted.

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