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GARY JACOBSEN  
District 1 Director

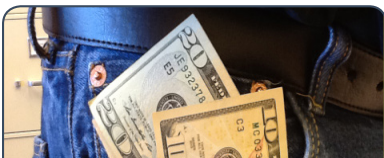
## Board Actions OCTOBER 2015

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Policy 4-22 *Health Savings Account* as amended by management and staff.

Approved Work Order Inventory #517 for \$110,174.11.

Approved Tri-State's A-39 Flow-Through Rate in accordance with C.H. Guernsey's Cost of Service Study.



If you find your name in \*asterisks\* in this newsletter, contact Carbon Power & Light to receive a \$30 credit on your electric bill.

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July 17-22, 2016  
COOPERATIVE

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP**



Up to six high school students will have the opportunity to meet other students from Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Kansas and Oklahoma in Clark, Colorado (north of Steamboat Springs, CO.) and participate in the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. This all expense paid trip by Carbon Power & Light is a great opportunity to learn first-hand what it's like to be

involved in a cooperative, learn about the industry's careers, and politics while honing in on your leadership skills and building your self-confidence.

Students will enjoy two touring days that include a gondola ride at Mt. Werner, a rafting trip down the Colorado River, a visit to the Fish Creek Falls, shopping in Steamboat Springs and an intimate view of the Craig Power Plant and Trapper Mine.

Applicants must be 16 years of age at the time of the Youth Camp. Family must receive electric service from Carbon Power & Light.

APPLICATION  
DEADLINE  
FEBRUARY 1, 2016

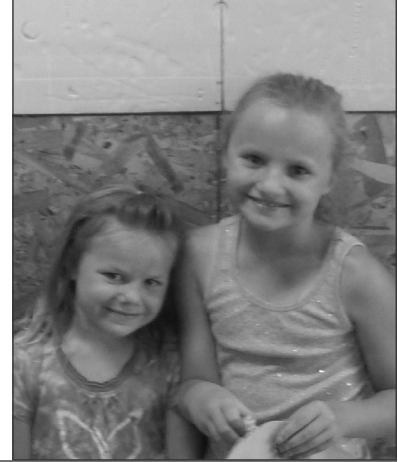
### WHERE CAN I GET AN APPLICATION?

Contact Carbon Power & Light or your school counselor for an application.





# Member-Owned Service Proud



[ RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER ]

**NOTICE:**  
Carbon Power & Light's Board of Directors approves an average overall pass through rate increase of 4.37% that goes into effect on January 1, 2016.

### January 1, 2016 Rates

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Wyoming State Statute 37-17-103, Carbon Power & Light's Board of Directors, after careful review, has approved an average overall pass through rate increase of 4.37% effective January 1, 2016. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

### Service Rates by Rate Class

| Rate Name                                      | 2015 Rates | 2016 Rates |
|--|------------|------------|
| General Service                                | \$0.113163 | \$0.112884 |
| General Service - Seasonal                     | \$0.113163 | \$0.112884 |
| TOD General Service - Winter: On-Peak          | \$0.126626 | \$0.127741 |
| TOD General Service - Winter: Off-Peak         | \$0.080230 | \$0.063657 |
| TOD General Service - Summer: All kWh          | \$0.113163 | \$0.112884 |
| Large Power - Level 2: All kWh                 | \$0.087310 | \$0.055514 |
| Large Power - Level 3: All kWh                 | \$0.089958 | \$0.056786 |
| Large Power - Level 4: All kWh                 | \$0.092873 | \$0.058611 |
| Large Power - Level 2: All kW                  | \$1.60     | \$13.63    |
| Large Power - Level 3: All kW                  | \$7.65     | \$20.32    |
| Large Power - Level 4: All kW                  | \$7.90     | \$20.84    |
| Irrigation - All kWh                           | \$0.117721 | \$0.128230 |
| Irrigation - All kW                            | \$11.25    | \$13.50    |
| Outdoor Lighting - 100 Watt                    | \$12.95    | \$12.24    |
| Outdoor Lighting - 250 Watt                    | \$24.05    | \$22.45    |
| Outdoor Lighting - 100 Watt Dark Skies         | \$14.10    | \$13.39    |
| Outdoor Lighting - 250 Watt Dark Skies         | \$25.20    | \$23.60    |
| Net Metering - Avoided Cost: All kWh           | \$0.02848  | \$0.04034  |
| EX Lg. Power Level 1: Generation Demand - kW   | \$0.00     | \$10.00    |
| EX Lg. Power Level 1: Transmission Demand - kW | \$32.77    | \$8.85     |
| EX Lg. Power Level 1: Distribution Demand - kW | \$1.40     | \$1.40     |
| EX Lg. Power Level 1 - Energy - MWh            | \$45.156   | \$44.003   |



10 PM to 12 NOON

### NOTICE - ETS Users

Effective January 1, 2016, new off-peak time parameters for Electric Thermal Storage heat users will be from 10:00 PM to 12 NOON. Change your clocks accordingly to avoid paying the on-peak electrical rates.

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safe & happy  
holiday season



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*By Justin LaBerge*  
National Rural Electric  
Cooperative Association

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***We wish you a safe and happy holiday season! If you plan to use a ladder to string festive lights outside of your home, remember to look up for overhead power lines and tree branches that could be energized.***

The holidays are upon us. For many, that means more celebrations with friends and family, travel, decorations, cooking and shopping. Carbon Power & Light wants you to stay safe during the holidays, so here are a few tips to consider as you gear up for the season.

**Inspect your seasonal items ~**

The holidays are a time when we dust off specialized cooking gadgets that allow us to prepare our favorite seasonal meals.

Take a few moments to carefully inspect

your holiday items to ensure everything is in safe, working order. A few things to look out for include:

- Brittle insulation on wires
- Rodent damage to wires
- Chafed or frayed wires, especially at stress points
- Worn switches with the potential to short circuit
- Corroded metal parts
- Broken legs, unstable bases and other tip-over hazards

**Extension cords are temporary ~**

When you asked your teacher for an extension on your term paper, it was a one-time thing, right? The same holds true for extension cords. They are designed for temporary use and should never be used as a permanent or long-term solution.

**Never defeat safety devices ~**

There are reasons why some devices have fuses, some plugs have three prongs instead of two and one prong is wider than the other on two-prong outlets. When those safety features get in the way of your grand holiday décor plans, you might be tempted to tamper with or defeat those features. Don't do it! If your plugs won't fit together, that means they're not designed to work together. Rather than tampering with a safety feature, find a safe solution.

**Read the fine print ~**

The tag at the end of an extension cord will tell you if it's rated for outdoor use, whether it will remain flexible in cold temperatures and how much energy it can safely handle. Similarly, holiday lights will tell you how many strings can be safely linked together.

**Don't forget about the kids and pets ~**

If you have small children, you've probably spent a great deal of time making sure every square inch of your home is childproof. But sometimes the joy of celebrating the holidays with our little ones makes us a little less vigilant about electrical safety. Make sure your holiday décor receives the same level of safety scrutiny you apply to all of the permanent items in your home. Curious and mischievous pets can present similar challenges. Make sure Fluffy isn't nibbling on all those extra wires or using your tree as her personal back scratcher or jungle gym.



| Member Statistics Report              | Sept. 2014   | Sept. 2015   |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Financial</b>                      |              |              |
| Total Utility Plant                   | \$39,104,688 | \$40,132,846 |
| Cost of Purchase Power                | \$532,207    | \$501,279    |
| Expenses Less Power Cost              | \$407,695    | 406,146      |
| Tax & Interest Paid                   | \$51,229     | 51,841       |
| Interest Received on Investments      | \$1,914      | 2,066        |
| <b>Energized Line &amp; Consumers</b> |              |              |
| Miles of Energized Line               | 1,930        | 1,945        |
| Consumers Per Mile                    | 3.2          | 3.2          |
| <b>Meters</b>                         |              |              |
| Total Meters                          | 6,097        | 6,168        |
| Residential/Rural                     | 3,290        | 3,311        |
| Residential/Seasonal                  | 1,567        | 1,623        |
| Large Power/Commercial                | 1,135        | 1,130        |
| Other                                 | 105          | 104          |
| <b>kWh Usage</b>                      |              |              |
| Total kWh                             | 6,966,375    | 6,709,328    |
| Residential/Rural                     | 1,898,360    | 1,868,328    |
| Residential/Seasonal                  | 282,328      | 292,785      |
| Large Power/Commercial                | 4,500,246    | 4,209,529    |
| Other                                 | 285,441      | 338,686      |
| <b>Averages</b>                       |              |              |
| Avg. Residential kWh Used             | 577          | 564          |
| Avg. Residential/Rural Bill           | \$92         | \$91         |
| Avg. Seasonal kWh Used                | 180          | 180          |
| Avg. Seasonal Bill                    | \$53         | \$53         |



## TO CARBON POWER & LIGHT!

In September, Carbon Power & Light welcomed Johanna Steinbeck as the new cashier receptionist. Johanna came to us from Bunnlevel, North Carolina with her husband David and two daughters Anamaria and Rosemary.



**Johanna Steinbeck**  
Cashier/Receptionist

Johanna has a BA in business administration, computerized systems management from Inter-American University of Puerto Rico.

Johanna answers and directs the phone calls, processes payments and assists the office department personnel.

Johanna enjoys outdoor activities that include hiking, hunting and photography.

Carbon welcomes any comments or questions members may have. If you have a question on any part of the cooperative business, please write or email the cooperative and we will see that your question is answered. Mail comments to Carbon Power & Light, Inc. P.O. Box 579, Saratoga, WY 82331, ATTN: Newsletter or email [info@carbonpower.com](mailto:info@carbonpower.com).

Visit our website at: [www.carbonpower.com](http://www.carbonpower.com)  
Edited by Marcy Knotwell

**IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH YOUR POWER:** Please check your breakers. If you can determine that your neighbors are also without power, call Carbon day or night at 307.326.5206 or 800.359.0249.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| <u>DISTRICT 1</u> | <u>DISTRICT 2</u> | <u>DISTRICT 3</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Gary Jacobsen     | Robert J. Johnson | Dick Clifton      |
| Laurie Forster    | Jerry Rabadue     | Clay Thompson     |
| Dan Hodgkiss      | Kenny Curry       | Jim Rogers        |

For online bill pay or ACH: [www.carbonpower.com](http://www.carbonpower.com)  
For more information, please call the billing dept.

REMEMBER you can pay your bill at the following locations:

|                       |                     |                  |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Rawlins National Bank | First National Bank | Bank of the West |
| 202 5th St            | 21st & Grand        | 302 N. 1st St.   |
| Rawlins, WY           | Laramie, WY         | Saratoga, WY     |

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

**Carbon Power & Light will be closed  
December 25th and January 1st for the holidays**

To report an outage,  
call our office at  
**307.326.5206 or  
800.359.0249 - 24/7/365.**



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#### CARBON POWER & LIGHT

Office Hours

#### MAY - SEPTEMBER

Monday - Thursday • 7 AM - 5:30 PM

#### OCTOBER - APRIL

Monday - Friday • 8 AM - 4:30 PM



Energy Efficiency

*Tip of the Month*

Remember to close the fireplace damper (unless a fire is burning). \*Ray J. Griffith\* Keeping the damper open is like leaving a window wide open during the winter, allowing warm air to escape through the chimney.

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