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JIM ROGERS
District 3 Director

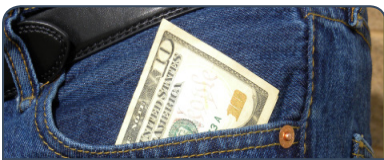
Board Actions SEPTEMBER 2015

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Policy 4-2 *Employee Benefits* and Policy 1-2 *Directors Travel, Expenses and Benefits* as amended by management and staff.

Approved amending the WildBlue and excede Parts Warranty Program agreement to include labor and mileage.

Approved Director Hodgkiss as the voting delegate for the NRECA's Region 7 & 9 meeting and Director Jacobsen as the alternate voting delegate.



If you find your name in *asterisks* in this newsletter, contact Carbon Power & Light to receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill.

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Billy Balthrop

Member-Owner

BEEF Package Winner!

Carbon Power & Light's Annual Meeting each June provides an opportunity for Carbon's member-owners to gather for a festive event where they elect directors, hear about the state of the co-op, socialize and qualify for prize drawings.

This year was no exception and Member-Owner Billy Balthrop (left) won a beef package at this year's annual meeting. Member Services & Marketing Director Joe Parrie (right) delivered the beef packages, like the one Billy is holding, to 14 other member-owners who also won at this year's annual meeting. Three lucky member-owners were lucky enough to win a quarter of beef each!

If you plan now to attend Carbon's 75th Annual Meeting of the Membership on June 25, 2016, who knows, you could be just as lucky as Billy Balthrop was. *Must be present at the business meeting to win door prizes such as a beef package.*

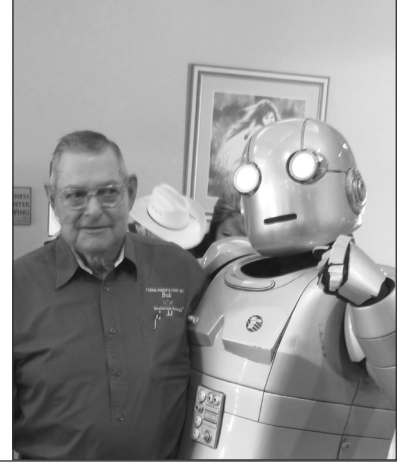


Carbon Power & Light wishes you and your family a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday. There is so much to be thankful for and we thank you for everything that you do.

Our office will be closed November 26-27, 2015 for the holiday.



Member-Owned Service Proud



[RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER]

Beginning January 1, 2016, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State), our member owned power supplier, will return to a traditional wholesale rate. This will impact both the purchased power rate structures for Carbon and for you the Member-Owner. Below is an excerpt from Carbon's letter of notification from Tri-State about the 2016 rate change. Carbon is a Class A Member.

"The Board concluded that the Class A Rate average rate will decrease on an annualized basis from 7.353¢ per kWh under Rate Schedule A-38 to 7.332¢ per kWh under Rate Schedule A-39. Tri-State will discontinue its seasonal average demand rates and implement two demand rates, a Generation Demand Rate and a Transmission/Delivery Demand Rate, both billed using the Tri-State Peak Period/Member Coincident Peak Billing Demand (TPP/MCP). The peak period is from 12:00 PM (noon) through 10:00 PM (the billing ½ hour period ending 12:30 PM through the billing ½

hour period ending at 10:00 PM) daily, Monday through Saturday, with the exception of the following six (6) holidays if occurring on Monday through Saturday: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Tri-State will also move from the time-of-day on-peak and off-peak energy rates to a single energy rate under Rate Schedule A-39."

With this rate change, Carbon completed a Flow-Through Cost of Service (COS) review. A Flow-Through COS is used to determine the impact of the wholesale rate change on Carbon's rates to its Member-Owners. It simply looks only at the impact of the power supplier rate on Carbon's rates. This is the resulting proposed rates to our Member-Owners beginning January 1, 2016. See the 2016 Proposed Rates in the bottom left corner.

Since this is a flow-through rate adjustment, only the energy and demand rates are affected. You can calculate your increase or decrease just by using the appropriate energy and/or demand charges from an existing bill. Your billing information is also available online at carbonpower.com. Just click on E-BILL and register if you haven't already done so.

Generally the rate impact on a percentage basis is as follows: General Service (0.191%) decrease, Time-of-Day (6.38%) decrease, Irrigation 10.918% increase, Large Power (2.416%) decrease, Extra Large Power 20.145% increase and Outdoor Lighting (5.49%) decrease.

These percentages assume that usage patterns remain the same and some of the Large Power and Extra Large Power rate users will have opportunity to control their usage at certain times and achieve savings.

These rates and the COS have not been approved by Carbon Power & Light's Board of Directors and are subject to change.

As always, contact us if you have questions or concerns.

Cooperatively accomplishing what individuals can't.
Russell

2016 PROPOSED RATES

General Service

Existing Energy = \$0.113163/kWh
New Energy = \$0.112884/kWh

General Service Time of Day

Existing Energy = \$0.126626/kWh (winter on-peak)
\$0.08023/kWh (winter off-peak)
\$0.113163/kWh (summer all kWh)

New Energy = \$0.127741/kWh (winter on-peak)
\$0.063657/kWh (winter off-peak)
\$0.112884/kWh (summer all kWh)

Irrigation

Existing Energy = \$0.117721/kWh
Demand Charge \$11.25/kw

New Energy = \$0.12823/kWh
Demand Charge \$13.50/kw

Director of Office Services
Debbie Reichert



I have been asked to rerun the article listed to the right that was published the end of 2014. The reason is due to the issues Carbon Power & Light Inc. is experiencing with the U.S. Postal Service and the timing of their deliveries. We continue to watch the postage dates on the envelopes we receive in our office to remove penalties on those Member/Owners that pay by the due date listed on the monthly billing.



All Member/Owners can create an account in the E-bill program (instructions listed below). The advantage to creating an account in the E-bill program is that you will receive an email notice as soon as our billing is completed on the second working day of the month with the amount due and usage consumed and not have to wait for the bill to be delivered by the postal service. Should any Member/Owner have questions or concerns please feel free to contact Carbon's billing department.

Did you know that Carbon Power and Light (Carbon) offers our Member/Owners many convenient payment options for their monthly billings?

We have the traditional, writing a check and sending in the mail or dropping off at our headquarters facility at 100 E Willow in Saratoga. Of course cash is always accepted in person.

Carbon also provides drop boxes at our headquarters building, Encampment Town Hall or Rock River at our shop facility at 405 Thompson. American National Bank (ANB), formally known as Capital West Bank, located at 3908 Grand Avenue in Laramie, will accept payments on our behalf for your electric bills. Rawlins National Bank (RNB) at 220 5th Street in Rawlins will also accept our payments similar to ANB. For the service at ANB

or RNB we request that you have your account number and/or billing stub with your payment.

Carbon also can take credit card and check payments via telephone at 800-359-0249 or 307-326-5206.

You can sign up for our electronic payment transfer program that will automatically debit your checking or savings account or credit/debit card on the 15th of each month. With this program you need to call us and paperwork will be sent to you authorizing Carbon to complete the transaction. For those Member/Owners who prefer the digital world Carbon also provides our E-Bill program which enables the Member/Owner to pay with credit cards and bank account debits. The Member/Owner may sign into our website, @ www.carbonpower.com; then click on the E-Bill program located on the right sidebar of the web page. You will then need to register to use this program. You will be asked for your account number, name and/or business name, an email address and a password of 4 to 10 characters. Registering one billing account will display all of your accounts on the payment page should you have multiple accounts with Carbon. Once you have completed the initial registration, you can pay your monthly billings, monitor or compare previous monthly usage on your account(s) and/or request that no paper bill(s) be sent to you. If you request no monthly billing statement be sent, you can still see your bill in the E-Bill system. With this service you can also estimate what your billing might be should you decide to add a new appliance, heating system, etc. You can also see your capital credit history.

As technology evolves we will keep you up to date on these programs. All of Carbon's payment options are provided at no additional cost to our Member/Owners.

Member Statistics Report	Aug. 2014	Aug. 2015
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$38,603,405	\$40,053,022
Cost of Purchase Power	\$613,763	\$604,157
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$415,976	\$476,405
Tax & Interest Paid	\$52,117	\$58,446
Interest Received on Investments *Kate Fackelman*	\$1,965	\$1,864
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	1,930	1,942
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
Meters		
Total Meters	6,092	6,159
Residential/Rural	3,286	3,305
Residential/Seasonal	1,569	1,625
Large Power/Commercial	1,130	1,125
Other	107	104
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	7,145,347	7,076,276
Residential/Rural	1,851,775	1,935,375
Residential/Seasonal	292,481	319,188
Large Power/Commercial	4,388,681	4,047,643
Other	612,410	774,070
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	564	552
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$91	\$89
Avg. Seasonal kWh Used	186	196
Avg. Seasonal Bill	\$54	\$55



9 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH CARBON POWER & LIGHT

Graduating high school students have the opportunity to obtain financial assistance for higher education when they apply for three scholarship opportunities through Carbon Power & Light. To download the guidelines and application, go to carbonpower.com > scholarships.

METERMAN CERTIFICATE AWARDED



JOSH SAIER

Carbon Power & Light's Director of Operations David Cutbirth stated that Josh Saier worked through the Merchant Job Training and Safety Program to

obtain his Meterman's Certificate. Josh enrolled in the metering program in 2013 and received his certificate of completion in August of this year. The Merchant Program is a four-year curriculum consisting of 8,000 hours of on-the-job training but because Josh holds a Journeyman Lineman's Certificate he was only required to complete 4,000 hours.

"Mr. Saier maybe the first in the state to hold both certificates and possibly the first individual to complete the Meterman's program with the Department of Labor".

~David Cutbirth

Mr. Cutbirth further stated that it is quite an accomplishment to complete the Meterman's program while holding a Journeyman Lineman's Certificate. Josh was awarded his certificate during the August board meeting.

Josh Saier has worked for Carbon Power & Light since 2008 and resides in Saratoga, WY. with his wife Tonya.



L to R~ General Manager Russell Waldner, Joshua Saier and Board President Laurie Forster

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.

Visit our website at: www.carbonpower.com
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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>
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For online bill pay or ACH: 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



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Office Hours

MAY - SEPTEMBER

Monday - Thursday ☞ 7 AM - 5:30 PM

OCTOBER - APRIL

Monday - Friday ☞ 8 AM - 4:30 PM



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

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

Source: energy.gov