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Laurie Forster
District 1 Director

Board Actions JULY 2015

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved and authorized the signatures in executing Resolution 15-09 for Rawlins National Bank.

Approved and authorized the signatures in executing Resolution 15-10 for the Bank of the West.

Approved and authorized the signatures in executing Resolution 15-11 for the Bank of the West.

Approved and authorized the signatures in executing Resolution 15-12 ANB Bank.

Elected Director Curry as the voting delegate and Director Rabidue as the alternate voting delegate at the 2015 Basin Electric Annual Meeting.

Approved surrendering the life insurance policy with New York Life Insurance for \$28,070.07.



RETURNING FROM CAMP



Katlynn Hytrek, the daughter of Member-Owners Andrew & Fawn Hytrek, returns from the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp after a full week of representing Carbon Power & Light at a nationally acclaimed leadership camp for youth at the Glen Eden Resort near Steamboat Springs, Colorado.



HYTREK ATTENDS THE COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

Carbon Power & Light sent Katlynn Hytrek as Carbon's youth representative to Clark, Colorado (near Steamboat Springs) to the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp for one week.

Since the camp is designed to develop leadership skills, it is run by the youth with guidance from adult and junior counselors.

The students elect a board of directors and the board then selects a general manager from hopeful applicants. Every student is required to be involved in the workings of the co-op.

Over 100 students from Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma

travel to Glen Eden Resort every year for the camp. Although participants have busy days, with a lot of work running their cooperative, they are rewarded with activities including a volleyball tournament and BBQ, a pool party, dance, gondola ride to Mount Werner and Steamboat Village, a trip to Fish Creek Falls and tours of Trapper Mine and the Craig Power Plant.

For more information about the camp, contact the Member Service's Department at Carbon Power & Light.



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[RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER]

CPP AKA CLEAN POWER PLAN RULE IS FINAL AND THE LEGAL CHALLENGES WILL BEGIN.



RUSSELL WALDNER

“ WE WILL ALWAYS LOOK FOR
WAYS TO IMPROVE LIFE FOR
OUR OFFSPRING AND LEAVE A
LEGACY OF IMPROVEMENT. ”

I remember in the seventies that we were headed for an Ice Age like earth had never experienced (I do remember some cold winters and snow in July). In the late nineties, Y2K was going to disable the entire Power Grid among other inconceivable catastrophes because we were using a two digit date in our computer systems (that was a very long New Year’s Eve as we were prepared with personnel strategically located to aid in response). Our trash was going to kill the planet (remember the crying Native American ad?) and Acid Rain was killing our water ways. (I did hear on the radio just a couple of months ago that due to the reduction in the amount of acid in the rain, the farmers are having to add this to their fertilizer.) I don’t know how we have

made it to the summer of 2015. (Not to mention the missing warning labels on everything we learned to operate).

We will always look for ways to improve life for our offspring and leave a legacy of improvement. Improvement is similar to beauty, it has a certain personal perspective to it. When the power plants were built that provide our cost effective reliable electricity it was against the law to use natural gas to fuel those power plants and the best available option was to use coal as the fuel. We have maintained and improved these facilities to the point that the original designers would be awe struck at the efficiencies’ of production and emissions.

Now the reason we all need to get downright indignant to the CPP is that our investment made for the future of cost effective reliable electricity is being regulated into decommissioned scrap that we will have to pay dearly for to get rid of.

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

Power to you, Our Member-Owner.

Russell

APPRENTICE LINEMAN
NICK CARY
 RECEIVES JOURNEYMAN CERTIFICATE



Nick Cary
 Journeyman Lineman

The Merchant's Powerline Job Training & Safety Program (MJTS) is a distance-learning curriculum tailor-made for entry-level electric utility personnel. The program most commonly serves as related technical instruction for use in an apprenticeship program leading to journeyman certification when coupled with structured on-the-job training. It exceeds the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship minimum requirement of 144 hours of related instruction per year.

On May 16, 2011, Nick Cary joined Carbon Power & Light's team and entered the Merchant Program on August 9, 2011.

The Merchant Program

The Merchant Program is a four-year curriculum having a modular construction. Beginning on day one, MJTS core curriculum provides our employees with the practical key competencies critical to their on-the-job productivity and safety. *Pat O'Byrne*The material is organized into blocks of information and presented in manageable units of instruction. The Merchant program is comprised of nineteen blocks. The employee must demonstrate mastery in order to move to the next section of the course.

Certificate of Completion

After each course has been graded by MJTS, and the employee's final score meets or exceeds 80% on the final exam, in addition to meeting the field requirements, MJTS issues certification of successful completion of the program.

Award

Nick Cary completed the requirements of the apprenticeship program both academically and in the field and was awarded his Journeyman Lineman's Certificate of Completion by the Board of Directors at the Regular Board Meeting on August 26, 2015.

5 ~ milestones ~

COOPERATIVE EMPLOYEES RECOGNISED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

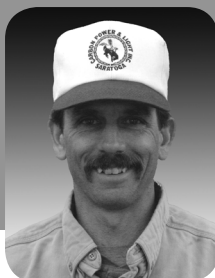
Carbon Power & Light is fortunate to employ dedicated professionals who do their best to keep the cooperative operations efficient. A total of 27 full-time employees cover over 1,900 sq. miles of energized lines for over 4,000 member-owners like yourself. These five employees were recognized on stage at the 74th Annual Meeting of the Membership back in June for thier dedication and years of service to Carbon Power & Light.



Jim Beckmann
 Superintendent of
 Engineering
 5 years



Cindy Hamilton
 Computer Support
 Specialist
 10 years



PJ Saputo Laramie
 Journeyman Lineman
 10 years



Valerie Remick
 Consumer Accounts Clerk
 10 years



Joe Parrie
 Director of Member
 Services and Marketing
 15 years

Member Statistics Report	June 2014	June 2015
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$38,171,741	\$40,149,450
Cost of Purchase Power	\$640,753	\$786,994
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$450,736	\$425,669
Tax & Interest Paid	\$55,454	\$51,850
Interest Received on Investments	\$1,988	\$1,727
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	1,930	1,940
Consumers Per Mile	3.1	3.2
Meters		
Total Meters	6,077	6,147
Residential/Rural	3,270	3,290
Residential/Seasonal	1,569	1,626
Large Power/Commercial	1,128	1,126
Other		105
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	7,440,326	9,444,620
Residential/Rural	1,878,459	1,903,071
Residential/Seasonal	244,673	255,279
Large Power/Commercial	4,306,209	6,416,913
Other	1,010,985	869,357
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	574	578
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$92	\$92
Avg. Seasonal kWh Used	156	157
Avg. Seasonal Bill	\$51	\$51



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OFF-PEAK HEATING BRINGS POWERFUL BENEFITS

Electric storage heating systems convert electricity into heat during off-peak hours when the demand for electricity is low. The stored heat is distributed later, as needed, to heat your home 24 hours a day. These systems qualify for lower electric rates and may be eligible for rebates. There are two basic systems:

- Electric radiant floor heat ETS Storage Heater – electric cable, electric mats
- Electric thermal storage (ETS) room units/central heating systems

Off-Peak Storage Heating

Winter: On-Peak \$.13 kWh

Winter: Off Peak \$.08 kWh

Summer: All kWh \$.11 kWh

Call Member Services for more information about ETS heating.



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

ATTENTIONS ETS USERS

*Day Light Savings ends
November 1, 2015!*

To maximize your energy efficiency and lower your costs, double check your timers on your ETS units to make sure you are heating your home/office on the off-peak rate.

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MAY - SEPTEMBER
Monday - Thursday ~ 7 AM - 5:30 PM

OCTOBER - APRIL
Monday - Friday ~ 8 AM - 4:30 PM

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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.

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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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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Looking for an easy efficiency upgrade? Additional insulation can make a difference! The Department of Energy estimates you can reduce heating and cooling needs up to 30 percent by properly insulating and weatherizing your home.

Source: energy.gov