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KENNY CURRY
District 2 Director

Board Actions AUGUST 2019

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Work Order Inventory #544 for \$95,952.98.



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 28-29, 2019 for the holiday.



DOOR Prize Winner!

LOOK WHO WON!

Norm Heater

Member-Owner

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 Norm Heater (left) won a toaster oven at this year's annual meeting. Billing Clerk Tiffany Moore (right) delivered the first door prize drawn, the one Norm is holding, is one of 60 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 79th Annual Meeting of the Membership on June 27, 2020, who knows, you could be just as lucky as Norm Heater was. *Must be present at the business meeting to win door prizes such as a beef packages and CASH of at least \$500.00!!!*



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[RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER]



Good news! Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association (Tri-State), Carbon’s all requirements power supplier has completed their 2020 budget and no rate increase to their members.

Carbon is just starting into our budget process but it’s not anticipated that there will be a rate increase for our members either.

In additional news, Tri-State has adopted a new mission statement that we can all remember because it is a great mission. Tri-State’s mission is now “To provide our member systems a reliable, affordable and responsible supply of electricity in accordance with cooperative principles.” The statement’s change to address responsibility speaks to Tri-State’s mission as an electric cooperative to be responsible to its

members and the communities they serve, as well as the cooperative’s responsibility to be resilient, compliant and a good steward of the land, air and water.

Tri-State is also developing a responsible energy plan that will set goals and pathways to:

- * Comply with aggressive carbon reduction, renewable energy and resource planning requirements.
- * Ensure the reliability and affordability of Tri-State’s wholesale power system
- * Strive to lower wholesale rates while maintaining Tri-State’s strong financial position

All this will help Carbon serve our members in a similar fashion.

“To provide our member systems a reliable, affordable and responsible supply of electricity in accordance with cooperative principles.”

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



Electrical Cord Safety Tips Anyone Can Follow

Being safe when using electrical appliances, extension cords, light bulbs and other equipment is easy, and safety tips should be included in household rules, homeschool fire safety and daily behavior expectations for all members of the family. It only takes one mistake to spark an electrical fire, but simple prevention measures can be effective solutions.

Electrical Cord Safety

Every electrical appliance has a cord, and many homes use extension cords to increase the range of electrical outlets. These safety tips can help keep cords in good condition for safe operation:

- Check cords regularly for frays, cracks or kinks, including power tool cords, holiday lights and extension cords. *Carrie M Knoepfle* The Canadian Center for Occupational Safety suggests doing this before each use.
- Cords are not jump ropes, clothes lines or leashes, and should never be used for anything other than their intended purpose.
- Cords should be firmly plugged into outlets - if the cord is loose and can pull out easily, choose a different, more snug outlet.
- Do not staple or nail cords in position at any time; if the cord does not remain where desired, use tape or twist ties to secure it.
- Cords should not be placed beneath rugs where they can become a trip hazard or where frays will not be noticeable. Furthermore, covering a cord will prevent it from keeping as cool as possible.
- Do not make modifications to a cord's plug at any time - do not clip off the third prong or attempt to file down a wider prong to fit in a different outlet.
- Extension cords are a temporary solution only, and their use should be minimized whenever possible.
- Use the proper weight and length of extension cord for the appropriate task, and be sure the cord is rated for indoor or outdoor use, whichever is required.

When unplugging a cord, pull on the cord at the outlet rather than tug on the cord itself.

Even though electricity is commonplace, there is still quite a bit of danger associated with improper use. Carefully observe all safety measures when using electricity to keep yourself - and your family - safe.



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| Member Statistics Report | Aug 2018 | Aug 2019 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Financial | | |
| Total Utility Plant | \$44,160,529 | \$46,920,041 |
| Cost of Purchase Power | \$993,046 | \$608,656 |
| Expenses Less Power Cost | \$467,253 | \$513,905 |
| Tax & Interest Paid | \$56,844 | \$61,794 |
| Interest Received on Investments | \$8,150 | \$8,330 |
| Energized Line & Consumers | | |
| Miles of Energized Line | 1,970 | 1,976 |
| Consumers Per Mile | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Meters | | |
| Total Meters | 6,288 | 6,341 |
| Residential/Rural | 5,037 | 5,170 |
| Irrigation | 50 | 51 |
| Large Power/Commercial | 1,140 | 1,070 |
| Other | 61 | 50 |
| kWh Usage | | |
| Total kWh | 12,267,500 | 8,151,195 |
| Residential/Rural | 2,325,207 | 2,421,044 |
| Irrigation | 403,179 | 561,062 |
| Large Power/Commercial | 9,344,083 | 4,993,080 |
| Other | 195,031 | 176,009 |
| Averages | | |
| Avg. Residential kWh Used | 398 | 468 |
| Avg. Residential/Rural Bill | \$86 | \$86 |



In August 6th, Shae Johnson and his lovely wife Carla introduced this little bundle of joy into their family. Kaynon Ester Johnson.



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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 Edited by Joe Parrie

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

| DISTRICT 1 | DISTRICT 2 | DISTRICT 3 |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dan Hodgkiss | Shae Johnson | Dick Clifton |
| Gary Jacobsen | Kenny Curry | Clay Thompson |
| Laurie Forster | | Jim Rogers |

For online bill pay or ACH: www.carbonpower.com
 For more information, please call the billing dept.

REMEMBER you can also pay your bill at the following location:
 ANB
 3908 Grand Ave
 Laramie, WY

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Trim your holiday energy costs by choosing energy efficient LED lights! LED holiday lights use less energy and can last up to 40 seasons. They're also easier to install – you can connect up to 25 LED strings without overloading a wall socket!

Source: energy.gov



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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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Monday - Thursday ~ 7 AM - 5:30 PM

OCTOBER - APRIL

Monday - Friday ~ 8 AM - 4:30 PM

