



LAURIE FORSTER
District 1 Director

Board Actions DECEMBER 2017

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Work Order Inv. #534 for \$337,952.84.

Approved voting delegates for NRTC at the NRECA Annual Meeting in Nashville.



REMEMBER TO
SET YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD
ON
MARCH 11, 2018

NICK CARY

CARBON POWER & LIGHT'S EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



The Employee of the Year Award Program recognizes and rewards exemplary performance by Carbon Power & Light's employees based both on performance of their responsibilities and on their specific contributions to the mission, goals, values, and strategic plan of the cooperative. These attributes have earned Nick Cary the Employee of the Year award for 2017. Voting takes place in November and is open to all employees to be voted on by all employees.

As the employee of the year, Nick and his wife were offered a trip to Nashville to represent Carbon Power & Light at NRECA's Annual Meeting.

Nick was awarded the 2017 Employee of the Year certificate by Carbon Power & Light's Board President Laurie Forster and General Manager Russell Waldner on December 20, 2017.



Member-Owned Service Proud



[RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER]



Happy New Year!

It is great to start fresh with a clean slate, at least for all those annual things that you get to reset to new.

We had a horrible year for outages in 2017, most of which was out of Carbon's control. The outages under our direct control for 2017 were 241.9 minutes average per meter system wide compared to 244.2 minutes average per meter system wide in 2016, demonstrating that once again our employees were working their tails off to minimize outage time. Our HORRIBLE total outage time was 920.2 minutes average per meter. It is good to be at zero for our fresh start.

Our membership advantage credit was a big hit until the January bill didn't have one. Some members called and commented on how low their bill was when we gave the membership advantage credit and more members called when their bill didn't have a membership advantage credit, thinking there was too much difference between the two months' bill-

ings. In case you missed it, the membership advantage credit was approved by the Board of Directors to reduce the margin for 2017. It was calculated like capital credit allocations and applied to the November billing that you received in December.

The WREN and our insert that includes this article will be on a later schedule this year. We anticipate it will be in your mail receptacle around the 18th of the month. Please read cover to cover, share with friends and family, and after all the good is gotten dispose of properly.

Russell

Stay Safe!!

CLOSED

**Carbon Power & Light
will be closed
February 19, 2018
for President's Day.**

In the event of an outage
or service interruption,
call 307.326.5206 or
800.359.0249
24 hours a day, every day.

INCUMBENT DIRECTORS UP FOR RE-ELECTION THIS YEAR ARE:

District 1
Gary Jacobsen

District 2
Kenny Curry

District 3
Jim Rogers



Interested in serving on Carbon Power & Light's board? Great! The board is an energetic group of folks who work together to assist and advance the cooperative.

Here's what you need to know about becoming a Carbon Power & Light (Carbon) board candidate.

Qualifications: To be an eligible Carbon candidate, the candidate must be a member-owner of the cooperative, must be a resident of the district they seek to represent, and a natural person. The candidate cannot be employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances.

Highlighted Responsibilities: Carbon board members are expected to meet in person at Carbon's monthly board meetings, annual meetings, and/or special meetings. This equates to approximately 30 days a year that candidates would be committing himself or herself to. *Larry LaFlam*

Board members participate in board discussions, committees and programs advocating for Carbon's standards and goals.

Board members assist and work with other directors through attention to effective discussion during meetings.

Board members encourage effective ap-

praisals of board performance that insure continuing and systematic attention to responsibilities concerning the present and future operational needs.

Board members accept and work with, or on, any committee or other special assignment.

Board members inform and advise the general manager on matters concerning the member's interest which may be brought to the attention of the board members.

Board members recognize the general manager as the operational official through whom all complaints, problems and other matters should be communicated when concerned with matters of the cooperative or its employees.

Board members should possess personal characteristics such as leadership in the community, have high integrity, high ethical standards and have respect for the community. Have the ability to exercise sound judgment and logical reasoning

Terms: A board member is elected to a three-year term. Terms are staggered to ensure continuity.

Nominations: Member-Owners may nominate themselves or another member-owner to serve on the board to the nominating committee on or before April 9, 2018. The nominating committee, in their sole discretion and by majority vote, shall have the authority to determine if the candidate is a qualified nominee. If more than three candidates seek to represent the

same district, the nominating committee shall select from those candidates that are the most likely to serve the interest of the cooperative and its members by a majority vote. If less than three candidates are nominated, and the nominations committee deems it necessary, they may request one or more additional nominees. If you would like to submit your name or the name of another member-owner as a candidate to the nominating committee, please contact:

Russell Waldner
rwaldner@carbonpower.com
1.800.359.0249 or 307.326.5206

Deadline: The deadline to submit a nomination is April 9, 2018.

Elections: Once the candidates are selected by the nominating committee and if more than one candidate is running in the same district, each member-owner votes by a mail-in ballot. Ballots are mailed in the June edition of the WREN Magazine.

Annual Meeting of the Membership: Directors and candidates are elected by a simple majority vote of returned ballots. Election results for new directors or re-election of incumbent directors are announced during the business meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on June 23, 2018 in Saratoga, WY.

For more information, call the office Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at 1.800.359.0249 or 307.326.5206.

Member Statistics Report	Dec 2016	Dec 2017
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$41,260,502	\$42,887,968
Cost of Purchase Power	\$848,142	\$744,437
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$377,210	\$374,342
Tax & Interest Paid	\$31,176	\$23,706
Interest Received on Investments	\$3,176	\$5,112
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	1,947	1,969
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
Meters		
Total Meters	6,183	6,255
Residential/Rural	4,990	5,001
Irrigation	50	50
Large Power/Commercial	1,119	1,143
Other	24	61
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	11,383,223	10,005,551
Residential/Rural	5,021,827	4,535,971
Irrigation	15,304	13,598
Large Power/Commercial	6,035,778	5,168,360
Other	310,314	287,622
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	1006	907
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$136	\$132

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
 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

<u>DISTRICT 1</u>	<u>DISTRICT 2</u>	<u>DISTRICT 3</u>
Dan Hodgkiss	Jerry Rabiue	Dick Clifton
Gary Jacobsen	Kenny Curry	Clay Thompson
Laurie Forster	Bill Sherwood	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



10 Quick Tips to Avoid High Winter Bills

Looking to lower your bills this winter? Use the 10 tips below to conserve energy.

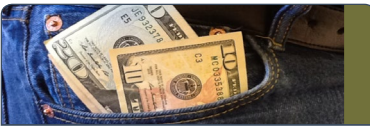
- 1  Seal air leaks and insulate well to prevent heat from escaping and cold air from entering your home.
- 2  Reduce waste heat by installing a programmable thermostat.
- 3  Turn off lights when not in use.
- 4  Lower your water heater temperature. The Dept. of Energy recommends using the warm setting (120 degrees) during fall and winter months.
- 5  Unplug electronics like kitchen appliances and TVs when you're away.
- 6  Open blinds and curtains during the day to allow sunlight in to warm your home.
- 7  Close blinds and curtains at night to keep cold, drafty air out.
- 8  Use power strips for multiple appliances, and turn off the main switch when you're away from home.
- 9  Wash clothes in cold water, and use cold-water detergent whenever possible.
- 10  Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, which use at least 75 percent less energy.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



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