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LAURIE FORSTER
District 1 Director

Board Actions
SEPTEMBER 2018

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved the discontinued affiliation with Bank of the West due to the stance the corporate office has made public regarding fossil fuels.

Approved amendment to Policy 4-10 Use of Cooperative Vehicles.

Congratulations Matt Drake!!



Matt Drake, an employee with Carbon Power & Light, Inc. has successfully completed one of the world's most comprehensive training programs for power line personnel. The Merchant Job Training and Safety Program is administered to line personnel in 40 states throughout the United States. Matt and the support staff with Carbon Power & Light can be proud of their accomplishment. Each utility has an acting Training Coordinator assisting their Trainees by administering "closed book" testing. The coordinators manage their own people throughout the training process from rules set by the MJTS and the statewide association.

Congratulations to Matt Drake, who can look forward to a very rewarding career.

FALL INTO ENERGY SAVINGS

Contact us for more energy-saving tips!

- Check to see if your home insulation levels are up to par.
- Seal air leaks around doors, windows and electrical outlets.
- When heating your home, set the thermostat to 68 degrees to save energy.



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[RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER]



Good news! Tri-State will have no rate increase for 2019.

RATES

Better news!! Carbon will have no rate increase for 2019. I can't share the best news because that is what you do with the service provided by Carbon, your member-owned Cooperative. I have been gone to meetings for what seems like forever. In these travels I have been learning about ACE (Affordable Clean Energy) that should replace the CPP (Clean Power Plan) that

has been in litigation. Learning about Cyber Security, the possible threats and how to guard against them to the power grid and your personal information. Learning about energy efficient options for you available from Tri-State. Learning about the resource planning happening at Tri-State, so we can continue to provide safe reliable affordable electricity. I hope the candidate you voted for won. More importantly I hope you voted. I read that a fellow Tri-State cooperative changed their Articles of Incorporation with less than 10 percent of the members voting in favor. It takes member participation to make

a strong cooperative and citizen participation to make a strong nation. Please participate. Should you have questions or suggestions, please contact us.



TIPS FOR PURCHASING NEW APPLIANCES

When shopping for new appliances, there are two price tags you should consider:

1.

Purchase price of the appliance (think of this as a down payment)



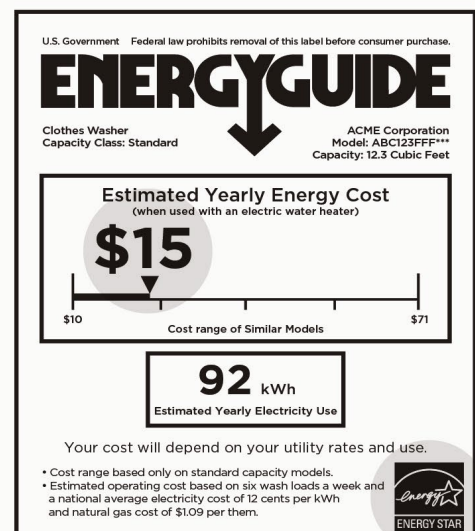
2.

Cost to operate the appliance over its lifetime (how much energy the appliance uses)



That second price is important because you'll be paying for the appliance's energy use for the next 10 to 20 years.

- **Look for the ENERGY STAR® label.** ENERGY STAR-qualified products exceed the federal minimum standards for efficiency and quality.
- **Carefully review the EnergyGuide label on the appliance.** The label provides information about how much energy an appliance uses compared to similar models.
- **Once you choose your make and model, compare prices.** Keep in mind, many retailers will match a lower price offered by competitors.
- **Recycle or sell your old appliance.** Ask the retailer if they'll pick up your old appliance, or you can sell it yourself. Either option is better than the landfill!



Member Statistics Report	August 2017	August 2018
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$42,738,166	\$44,160,529
Cost of Purchase Power	\$ 544,796	\$993,046
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$484,607	\$467,253
Tax & Interest Paid	\$52,927	\$56,844
Interest Received on Investments	\$5,040	\$8,150
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	1,967	1,970
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
Meters		
Total Meters	6,229	6,288
Residential/Rural	4,985	5,037
Irrigation	50	50
Large Power/Commercial	1,133	1,140
Other	61	61
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	7,643,270	12,267,500
Residential/Rural	2,265,828	2,325,207
Irrigation	384,667	403,179
Large Power/Commercial	4,801,448	9,344,083
Other	191,327	195,031
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	455	398
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$85	\$86



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

Our office will be closed November 22-23, 2018.



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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REMEMBER you can also pay your bill at the following location:

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Got holiday leftovers? When possible, use the microwave to reheat food. Microwaves use as much as 80 percent less energy than a standard oven.

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