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# Carbon Light Lines

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CLAY THOMPSON  
District 3 Director

## Board Actions JULY 2018

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved the Work Order for \$78,428.15 for the BCR's Equestrian center.

Approved Manager Russell Waldner as the NRECA Region 7 voting delegate.

Approved Director Curry as the Basin voting delegate.

Approved Work Order Inventory #537 for \$148,519.23.

## ATTENTION ETS USERS

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 time.



## Look Up For Power Lines and Stay Safe!

Safe Electricity.Org Urges Caution and Awareness. Things we see every day can almost fade from view. But failure to notice high voltage power lines can be a deadly oversight. Safe Electricity wants to raise awareness about the dangers of overhead power lines and the precautions to take around them.

Often when we undertake outdoor activities, we don't even think about power lines. Taking a few moments to become aware of your surroundings is a critical step to keeping yourself and your loved ones safe.

Safe Electricity encourages everyone to follow these guidelines as they prepare to work outdoors this year: Look up and around you. Always be aware of the location of power lines, particularly when using long metal tools like ladders, pool skimmers and pruning poles. Lower your long equipment when you are moving it. Carry ladders and other long items horizontally whenever possible.

Be careful when working on or around your roof, installing rooftop antennas and satellite dishes, doing roof repair work or cleaning gutters. Never go up on the roof in bad weather.

Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your house.

Never trim trees near power lines – leave that to the professionals. Never use water or blower extensions to clean gutters near electric lines. Contact a professional maintenance contractor.

Never climb trees near power lines. Even if the power lines aren't touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to the branch.

If your projects include digging, like building a deck or planting a tree, call your local underground utility locator before you begin. Never assume the location or

depth of underground utility lines. This service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted, and can help you avoid serious injury.

Another instance where people often come in contact with power lines is through vehicle crashes. In accidents that bring down power lines, our instincts tell us to flee danger. However, it's almost always best to stay in your vehicle and wait for help.

If you must get out because of fire or another danger, jump clear of the vehicle without touching it and the ground at the same time. Then hop with feet together – don't run or stride. Electricity spreads out through the ground in ripples, like a stone dropped in water. The voltage is highest in the ring closest to the vehicle and decreases with distance. Hop with feet together so that one foot won't be in a higher voltage zone than another, which could make you a conductor for electricity.

If you come upon, or witness an accident involving toppled power poles and lines, don't leave your vehicle to approach the accident scene. Often our inclination is to step in and help those in danger and offer assistance to the injured. However, in accidents involving power poles, the best thing you can do is call for help. Wait for trained assistance to arrive, or you could become an additional victim in need of rescue.





# Member-Owned Service-Proud



[ RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER ]



**Vote!!!**

You may remember reading a portion of this three years ago. As I lamented about the changes the Clean Power Plan was going to force upon us.

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 that due to the reduction in the amount of acid in the rain that farmers are having to add this to their fertilizer just a couple of months ago.) I don't know how we have made it to summer of 2018. (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.

This week the much

anticipated answer to the Clean Power Plan was released. At this point in the first reviews it seems to be in the favor of the "all sustainable options" crowd. It allows for the States to have greater input and follows the historic use of the Clean Air Act. A lot of changes have already been put in place and this may allow us to take a more realistic approach to our future generation sources. Here is some national data. From 2014 to 2016, the use of coal to generate electricity for electric co-ops declined from 54% to 41%, with a corresponding increase in the use of natural gas from 18% in 2014 to 26% in 2016. Over the same period, the use of renewable energy sources to provide electricity to co-op member-consumers increased from 14% to 17%.

As always contact us if you have questions or concerns.



## **THREE EASY WAYS TO UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT PROFILE INFORMATION**

Carbon Power & Light makes every effort to serve you in the most efficient way possible. Having current account information is a vital component that ensures you receive information.

### **WE OFFER THREE CONVENIENT WAYS FOR YOU TO UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT INFORMATION:**

#### ***1. Phone Call***

Change your account information over the phone by calling 307.326.5206 or 800.359.0249 (toll free), and we will gladly assist you in making those changes.

#### ***2. In Person***

Changes to your account can be made at the same time you pay your bill. Just let us know \*C J Leslie\* that you need to update your account information. Or when you come in, take a few moments to verify that the information we have on file is up-to-date, even if you think your account information is correct.

#### ***3. Online***

Go to: **[www.carbonpower.com](http://www.carbonpower.com)** then click on **"Pay My Bill"**

## **REASONS TO UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT PROFILE INFORMATION**

#### ***1. Outages***

In the event of a scheduled outage, we would notify you using the phone number we have on file. With more and more people relying on cell phones rather than landlines, it is important to let your cooperative know when you receive a new number; especially if you rely on electricity for life support equipment.

#### ***2. Capital Credits***

Since you share in the ownership of Carbon Power & Light, a non-profit cooperative, excess capital is returned to you in the form of a check by mail. Any excess capital is returned to you annually when the profits are retired, provided you had electrical service with Carbon during the year the capital credits were retired.

If you have any questions about the above information or other questions or concerns about your cooperative, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you for helping Carbon Power & Light to better serve you.



Member Statistics Report	June 2017	June 2018
<b>Financial</b>		
Total Utility Plant	\$42,379,613	\$43,780,833
Cost of Purchase Power	\$1,134,426	\$520,462
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$498,537	\$444,490
Tax & Interest Paid	\$54,737	\$57,346
Interest Received on Investments	\$5,277	\$8,767
<b>Energized Line &amp; Consumers</b>		
Miles of Energized Line	1,966	1,970
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
<b>Meters</b>		
Total Meters	6,237	6,277
Residential/Rural	4,981	5,027
Irrigation	52	52
Large Power/Commercial	1,143	1,137
Other	61	61
<b>kWh Usage</b>		
Total kWh	14,719,357	7,558,928
Residential/Rural	2,303,651	2,330,789
Irrigation	827,961	789,092
Large Power/Commercial	11,409,307	4,258,199
Other	178,438	180,848
<b>Averages</b>		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	462	464
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$86	\$86

# SAVINGS + COMFORT

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 \$.06 kWh

Summer: All kWh \$.12 kWh

Call Member Services for more information about ETS heating.



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](mailto:info@carbonpower.com).

Visit our website at: [www.carbonpower.com](http://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.

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For more information, please call the billing dept.

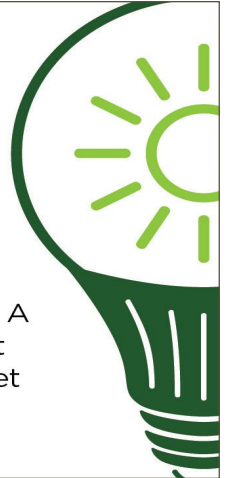
REMEMBER you can also pay your bill at the following location:

ANB  
3908 Grand Ave  
Laramie, WY

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Fall/Winter Energy Tip: When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10 percent a year on your heating and cooling bills. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature – set it and forget it!

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



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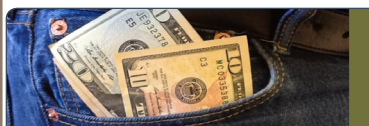
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If you find your name in \*asterisks\* in this newsletter, contact Carbon Power & Light to receive a \$30 credit on your electric bill.

### CARBON POWER & LIGHT

Office Hours

**MAY - SEPTEMBER**

Monday - Thursday ☞ 7 AM - 5:30 PM

**OCTOBER - APRIL**

Monday - Friday ☞ 8 AM - 4:30 PM

