



Carbon Light Lines

Member Owned ~ Service Proud
Your Touchstone Energy Cooperative

April 2014



GARY JACOBSEN
District 1 Director

Board Actions February 2014

Approved Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Policy 3-4; *Cooperative Participation in Community Activities* as amended by Management and Staff.

Approved Work Order Inventory #506 in the amount of \$106,847.41.

Approved Director Clifton as Carbon's voting delegate for the Tri-State Annual Meeting and Director Rabidue as the alternate voting delegate.

Carbon Power & Light, Inc. ~ Since 1941 73rd Annual Meeting of the Membership



REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 10:30 A.M. AT THE PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER IN SARATOGA FOR THE 73RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP. A COMPLIMENTARY SMOKED BBQ LUNCHEON AT 11 A.M. WILL BE SERVED TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS/FAMILY. BINGO BEGINS AT 11:30 A.M. FOLLOWED BY THE BUSINESS MEETING AT 12:30 P.M. PRIOR TO THE BUSINESS MEETING, MEMBERS CAN GATHER ENERGY SAVINGS INFORMATION AT SEVERAL EDUCATIONAL BOOTHS AND TALK TO THE ENERGY EXPERTS. DON'T FORGET TO COLLECT YOUR CAPITAL CREDIT CHECK!



Most of you reading this newsletter are Member-Owners of Carbon Power & Light.

other business transactions that may come before the meeting.

You are represented by a democratically elected Board of Directors who vote on issues such as rates, contracts, and policies in addition to setting strategic goals on your behalf.

The three directors who are up for re-election are: District 1 incumbent Laurie Forster, District 2 incumbent Robert J. Johnson and District 3 incumbent Clay Thompson.



As a member-owned cooperative, you have a say in how we run the business and you are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting for the purpose of formally electing a Director from your district to serve a three-year term on Carbon's Board of Directors and for any

If you are interested in running for a position on Carbon's Board of Directors, you will need to submit your name to the Nominating Committee by April 14, 2014. For a list of the committee members and the contact information, see page 4 of this newsletter.

Photos by Joe Parrie were taken during last year's annual meeting.

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SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 2014						
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Starting the week of May 5, 2014, Carbon Power & Light will begin the 4-day work week until September 29, 2014. Hours will be Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



General Manager Charles "Chuck" Larsen

As a Member-Owner of Carbon Power and Light...will you do your part?

Off and on for several months now, either through this newsletter or through informative articles in the WREN magazine, you have been provided data regarding the proposed Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new climate regulations. These new regulations, as proposed, will have a dramatic impact on our nation's ability to utilize coal as an electric generation resource. I am sure that I can safely say that everyone reading this article is as concerned about our environment as I am. Nobody wants to see our air quality or quality of life diminish. Our concerns however, must be tempered with a measure of common sense. Currently over 40% of our nation's electric generation is produced using coal. Updating existing coal fired power plants and attempting to construct new coal fired power plants under the new regulations will economically impact each and every one of us.

So...just how much could that impact be? Recently Dr. Julio Friedmann, Deputy Assistant Secretary for clean coal at the Department of Energy told House Lawmakers in Washington that the first generation of carbon capture and storage technology required by the new regulations could increase wholesale electricity prices by 70 to 80 percent. The wholesale energy component makes up approximately 70 percent of

Carbon's retail rate, or said another way, about \$0.70 of every dollar that Carbon derives from your monthly electric bill goes to pay our wholesale power bill. Based on our current cost of service, increasing the wholesale component of our retail rate by 70 percent, would change our current per kWh charge of \$0.113163 to \$0.1686127. A Member-Owner using 2,000 kWh per month could see a \$111 increase in their monthly electric bill or an increase of \$1,331 per year.

Member-Owned Rural Electric Cooperatives like Carbon have always faced the challenge of meeting our operational needs while doing all we can to keep our rates as low as possible... while at the same time, meeting the challenges of serving difficult terrain and rural areas with low consumer density (in Carbon's case an average of three consumers per mile of power line). Having our Federal Government mandate changes such as the proposed EPA regulations, places an increased burden on...*all of us.*

So...how can you do your part as a Member-Owner to address this issue? As a Member-Owner of a Rural Electric Cooperative, you and your many constituents all across America have the opportunity to raise a significantly strong and united voice. If you have access to a computer you can voice your concerns by going to www.action.coop. If you don't have access to a computer, we can sign you up at Carbon's office or if you see one of

our Employee's in the field, they will have information and sign up cards for your use.

This issue impacts all of us...your consideration, your voice and your help will be much appreciated. As always thanks for being there for us!

Chuck

COOPERATIVE ACTION NETWORK

- CONTACT CONGRESS
- BUILD GRASSROOTS STRENGTH
- LEARN ABOUT THE ISSUES

ACTION.COOP

NRECA
A Technician Energy Cooperative

Log onto
www.action.coop
today

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

"In accordance with Federal law and the U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

This institution is operated under special use permit with the Medicine Bow National Forest.

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov."

Find your name in "asterisks" somewhere in this newsletter & you can claim a \$10 bill reducer by calling Carbon Power & Light.

ENJOY A SAFE START TO SPRING

As the spring season approaches, many will usher in the warmer weather by thoroughly cleaning their homes and tending to yard work. The Electrical Safety Foundation (ESFI) recommends homeowners ensure that electrical hazards are eliminated along with unwanted dust and clutter.

ESFI suggests starting with the basement, an important, but often overlooked space when it comes to home inspection and fire safety. These low-level rooms contain two leading causes of home fires - heating equipment and electrical distribution systems.

- Check the label inside the door or cover of your electrical service panel to see when your electrical system was last inspected. If the date has passed or is approaching, contact a licensed, qualified electrician to schedule an inspection.
- Be sure circuit breakers and fuses are correctly labeled with their amperage and their corresponding rooms, circuits or outlets. Use correct size and current rating for breakers/fuses.
- Increase your fire protection by having a licensed electrician replace your standard circuit breakers with arc fault circuit interrupters - AFCIs.
- Have your furnace cleaned and inspected annually by a licensed professional.
- Make sure all fuel-burning equipment, such as furnaces, stoves, and fireplaces, is vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Check for excessive vibration or movement when the washing machine or dryer is operating. This can put stress on electrical connections.
- Make sure the area around your dryer is clutter free and that the dryer lint filter is cleaned after each load. Build up can be a fire starter.
- Don't overlook your basement when it comes to smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. These devices should be installed in these spaces as well as on every level of your home and outside every sleeping area. Test these alarms to ensure that they are in working order, and replace the batteries when needed.



Visit www.esfi.org for more tips on keeping your home *Bonnie Lace* and family safe this spring and beyond.

Member Statistics Report	Jan. 2013	Jan. 2014
Total Utility Plant	\$36,873,651	\$37,521,847
Cost of Purchased Power	\$754,664	\$1,186,532
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$440,741	\$447,479
Tax and Interest Paid	\$49,733	\$45,002
Interest Received on Investments	\$1,819	\$1,770
Miles of Energized Line	1,914	1,927
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
Total Meters	6,205	6,050
Residential/Rural	3,411	3,252
Residential/Seasonal	1,588	1,574
Large Power/Commercial	1,104	1,121
Other	102	103
Total kWh Used	11,294,088	15,727,141
Residential/Rural	4,248,772	4,138,190
Residential/Seasonal	398,969	465,783
Large Power/Commercial	6,281,697	10,776,743
Other	364,650	346,425
Average Residential kWh Used	1,246	1,273
Average Residential/Rural Bill	\$157	\$171
Average Seasonal kWh Used	251	296
Average Seasonal Bill	\$57	\$66

Carbon welcomes any comments or questions consumers may have. If you have a question on any part of the cooperative business, please write the cooperative and we will see that your question is answered. Any comments or questions can be addressed to Carbon Power & Light, Inc. PO Box 579, Saratoga, WY 82331, ATTN Newsletter.

Visit our website at www.carbonpower.com

Edited by Charles Larsen

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 at 1-307-326-5206 or 800-359-0249.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DISTRICT 1

Gary Jacobsen – Secretary
Laurie Forster
Dan Hodgkiss – Treasurer

DISTRICT 2

Robert Johnson – President
Jerry Rabadue – Vice President
Kenny Curry

DISTRICT 3

Dick Clifton
Clay Thompson
Jim Rogers

For online bill pay, go to www.carbonpower.com or by ACH.

For more information please call the billing department.

REMEMBER you can pay your bill at the following locations.

Rawlins National Bank
202 5th Street
Rawlins, WY 82301

Capital West Bank
21st & Grand
Laramie, WY 82070

Bank of the West
302 N. 1st
Saratoga, WY 82331

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2014 Nominating Committee Members

The 2014 Nominating Committee, as appointed by the Board of Directors, per Article IV, Section 3, NOMINATIONS of the cooperative bylaws.

Three Member-Owners from each District forming this years Nominating Committee are:

District 1

Cris Fournier 326.5755

Rocky Fiedor 326.5330

Janice Peterson 327.5464

District 2

Rodney Thornburg 378.2828

Bill Sherwood 348.7324

Bobby Heward 379.2558

District 3

Margaret Page 745.3278

Pat Parker 745.5767

Mark Johnson 745.7649

OFFICE HOURS FOR CARBON POWER & LIGHT

— MAY - SEPTEMBER —

Monday - Thursday

7 AM - 5:30 PM

— OCTOBER - APRIL —

Monday - Friday

8 AM - 4:30 PM

YOUR COOPERATIVE IS A PROUD MEMBER OF
WREA
Wyoming Rural Electric Association