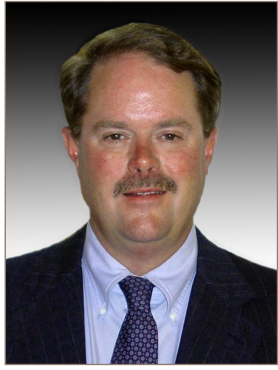




Carbon Light Lines

Member Owned ~ Service Proud
Your Touchstone Energy Cooperative 

August 2014



DAN HODGKISS
District 1 Director

Board Actions
June 2014

Approved Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved the application for a Limited Electrical Contractors License for for the purpose of the installation, maintenance and repairs to Time-of-Day heaters in accordance to National Electrical Code.

Approved contributing one-third of the cost of the three-phase construction upgrade for the Pete Lien project.

Approved the bid from Addison Construction to construct the new Crow Substation in the amount of \$950,307.00.

Find your name somewhere in this newsletter in *astericks* and claim a \$10 credit on your electric bill by calling Carbon Power & Light.

TWO 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 TWO 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 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.

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.

Charles Larsen

GENERAL MANAGER'S COLUMN



ELECTRIC INDUSTRY'S CONCERNS WITH EPA REGULATIONS

Annual Meeting: It was great to see everyone at the 73rd Annual Meeting of your Cooperative. We had a really good turnout this year with 173 Member-Owners registered and around 400 attendees in all who enjoyed the great lunch prepared by Randy Emerson and Joe Bowers. Something new this year was the help of our scholarship recipients who stepped up and helped the Employees serve lunch and assist during bingo. These were a great group of young adults who represent our future and we really appreciated the fact they were part of the Annual Meeting experience.

Once again there was some great information provided to those in attendance. The focus of that information centered on the electrical distribution industry's concerns over the new Federal EPA rules and regulations regarding carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants. There is great concern that these new rules will have considerable impact on the cost of energy.

Some of the projects we reported on were:

- The relocation and rebuild of the Crow Substation south of Saratoga. This substation serves the Ryan Park and Brush Creek areas. Due to the age of this facility and the fact that we needed to increase its capacity due to load growth in those areas, prompted us to move forward with this project. Work should commence in the later part of 2014.
- The establishment of a new transmission delivery point substation northwest of Laramie. Load growth in the Laramie area has caused our existing "Big Laramie" substation to reach its capacity. An application has been made to Tri-State for the purpose of starting the process of establishing a location and the design

requirements for this new facility. This project has been in our long range plan for many years now and it was included in our current 4-year work plan.

- We are currently working with the owner of a proposed limestone quarry north of Laramie to establish their electrical load requirements and what will be needed to provide them service.
- Throughout this year we will be working with WYDOT and the USFS to prepare for a hazard tree and power line clearing project along Hwy 130 west of Centennial. This project is expected to start in 2015.

“... THE MEMBER-OWNED COOPERATIVE BUSINESS MODEL IS STILL ALIVE AND WELL AND CARBON'S MEMBER-OWNERS CARE ABOUT THEIR COOPERATIVE.”

It's always enjoyable for me to visit with those in attendance at the meeting, many of which have some great questions about their Cooperative's operation, which I'm always happy to answer. The fact that they are asking those questions tells me that the Member-Owned Cooperative business model is still alive and well and that Carbon's Member-Owners care about their Cooperative.

As always we have many door prizes provided by Carbon Power and Light and the many vendors we do business with, to give away. Unfortunately when it came down to awarding the grand prize the Member-Owner's drawn for the \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$750 cash prizes were not in attendance. A hearty congratulation goes out however; to Donna Smith, who was present and was drawn for the \$500 cash prize.

As always...thanks for being there for us.

Chuck



Carbon Power & Light, Inc. — 73rd Annual Meeting Recapped —

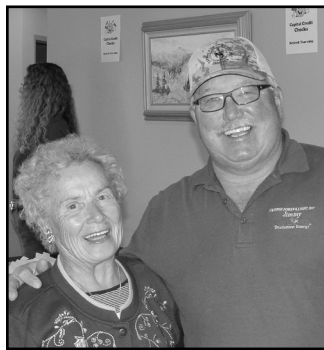
173 Members registered for this year's Annual Meeting for an approximate total of 400 attendees partaking in a complimentary smoked BBQ luncheon and participating in a game or two of bingo!

Members who joined the business meeting were informed about the costs associated with power costs, the financial position of the Cooperative and the present and future construction plans of Carbon's electrical system. The Members were also informed about the issues that may impact the Cooperatives' across the nation if the proposed EPA regulations go into effect next summer. Members were encouraged to let their voices be heard in opposition and sign-up on www.Action.coop (more information on this issue can be found on the next page).

Ballot Committee Member, Dick Perue announced that Robert J. Johnson was re-elected to serve another 3 year term for District 2. Incumbent Directors, Laurie Forster representing District 1 and Clay Thompson representing District 3 ran unopposed and will also serve another three year term.

Many door prizes were distributed to many lucky winners with one really lucky winner, Donna Smith, who walked away with \$500 in cash! Not a bad afternoon's pay.

Next year's Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, June 27, 2015.



MEMBER OWNED
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MEMBER SERVED



73rd Annual Meeting of the Membership

Member Statistics Report	May 2013	May 2014
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$36,821,404	\$38,071,026
Cost of Purchase Power	\$980,743	\$544,656
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$428,168	\$459,623
Tax & Interest Paid	\$42,870	\$40,113
Interest Received on Investments	\$1,720	\$1,735
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	1,915	1,928
Consumers Per Mile	3.3	3.1
Meters		
Total Meters	6,228	6,073
Residential/Rural	3,428	3,267
Residential/Seasonal	1,584	1,571
Large Power/Commercial	1,106	1,125
Other	110	110
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	14,025,515	7,252,151
Residential/Rural	2,308,794	2,344,910
Residential/Seasonal	209,186	231,166
Large Power/Commercial	11,013,451	4,261,746
Other	494,084	414,329
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	674	718
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$95	\$108
Avg. Seasonal kWh Used	132	147
Avg. Seasonal Bill	\$44	\$50

Carbon welcomes any comments or questions members 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. P.O. 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 day or night at 307.326.5206 or 800.359.0249.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3
Gary Jacobsen	Robert J. Johnson	Dick Clifton
Laurie Forster	Jerry Rabidue	Clay Thompson
Dan Hodgkiss	Kenny Curry	Jim Rogers

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

REMEMBER you can pay your bill at the following locations:

Rawlins National Bank	First National Bank	Bank of the West
202 5th St	21st & Grand	302 N. 1st St.
Rawlins, WY	Laramie, WY	Saratoga, WY

COOPERATIVE ACTION NETWORK

Stop Your Electric Bill From Going Up. Tell the government you can't afford costly regulations.

Around the country, families, communities, employers and businesses view their energy bills as a cost of life and simply an expense of doing business. They turn off lights, turn down thermostats and adopt energy efficient practices, because it saves them money better put toward groceries, medications, retirement and reinvestments in the economy.

On June 2nd, the EPA released regulations targeting existing power plants that threaten affordability, jeopardize reliability and endanger jobs in our communities.

What are the details of the EPA's regulation?

► The EPA's energy plan proposal would reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emitted from fossil-fuel based generation by 30 percent by 2030 when compared to 2005 levels. The rule is expected to be finalized next summer with compliance required by 2020 and 2030.

► These rules will have little positive impact on climate change and will increase electricity costs for many Americans. By effectively cut-

ting coal out of the equation, they will also reduce the reliability of our power supply and could force some plants to shut down.

► By eliminating the low-cost energy provided by coal-fired power plants, these regulations will increase costs for businesses, which could result in significant job losses.

► These top-down regulations will disproportionately hurt the 42 million families and businesses across the country that rely on cooperatives for affordable, reliable electricity.

How can you help combat the EPA's regulations?

► To combat the EPA's aggressive new regulations on existing coal-fired power plants, we're asking co-op members across the country to join together and tell Washington not to impose these regulations and to keep energy costs low for hard-working consumers and their families.

► **We're asking you, your friends and neighbors to add your voice by signing one of the comment cards available at our office or by visiting www.Action.coop.**

► Send your message to the EPA using our Action Cards or Action. coop today, and join more than 500,000 Americans who've already taken action because they're concerned about access to affordable and reliable energy.

By standing together, we can keep our access to affordable, reliable energy, and support job creation and economic growth in our community.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Replacing your conventional power strips with advanced power strips (APS) can help reduce the electricity wasted when electronic devices are idle. These power strips are a convenient and low-cost way to save.

Source: Dept. of Energy

CARBON POWER & LIGHT

Office Hours

MAY - SEPTEMBER

Monday - Thursday ☞ 7 AM - 5:30 PM

OCTOBER - APRIL

Monday - Friday ☞ 8 AM - 4:30 PM

