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Carbon Light Lines

July 2014



CLAY THOMPSON
District 3 Director

Board Actions May 2014

Approved Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved the three-phase line extension for Source Gas's Chokecherry compressor at Walcott.

Approved signing the Easement Relinquishment and Release document for the Wild Horse Ranch Subdivision.

Approved Policy 1-13 Financial Guidelines as presented.



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

Governor Matt Mead signs a Proclamation Honoring Wyoming Lineman



ELECTRIC CO-OPS HONOR THEIR LINEMEN

By Victoria A. Rocha | ECT Staff Writer
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While there was no congressional action this year to designate April 18 as National Lineman Appreciation Day, that didn't discourage electric cooperatives from forging ahead with local tributes to some 19,000 lineworkers.

Several states declared April 18 as their Lineman Appreciation Day, with elected officials, line crews and others gathering at state capitol observances April 17, ahead of the Good Friday holiday.

The Georgia state legislature passed a resolution that attracted nearly 60 senate co-sponsors. To mark the day, two line trucks were positioned in front of the Capitol building in Atlanta, with buckets up.

In Wyoming, High West Energy's Lorrell Walter took steps that

eventually led Gov. Matt Mead to sign a proclamation during an April 17 ceremony in Cheyenne.

"When it looked like there would be no formal recognition at the national level, I asked my CEO if I could contact the governor's office," said the public relations manager at the Pine Bluff, Wyo.-based co-op.

"I reached out to Gov. Mead's communication director and made the suggestion. Gov. Mead is very supportive of our industry and was more than willing to make it official."

Throughout the country, electric co-ops asked Members and employees to send special messages via Twitter using a hash tag set up by NRECA: #ThankaLineman.

In 2013, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution designating April 18 as National Lineman Appreciation Day. This year, only a House resolution to mark the day was introduced by Reps. Phil Gingrey, R-Ga., and Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C.



Charles Larsen

GENERAL MANAGER'S COLUMN

Although this newsletter will arrive shortly after the 73rd Annual Meeting of your Cooperative, we are presently gearing up for this annual event and as you read this, many of you will be able to say, I attended "My Cooperative's Annual Meeting".

One key topic of this year's meeting will focus on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) new proposed rules and regulations regarding existing coal fired power plants. No matter what side of the "climate-change/global warming" issue you find yourself on, the fact is these changes

will have a profound impact on all of us. Although there are experts on both sides of the issue that will present you with all the pros and cons...there are still a lot of unanswered questions. As your General Manager, it is my job to insure that Carbon Power and Light does everything within our control to keep your electricity reliable and affordable... and...those unanswered questions are a cause of concern for me.

As many of you will know by the time you receive this, I have announced my retirement date for June of 2015. Because of this announcement, I was asked by a business associate if I would be glad when I could put these types of issues/concerns behind me? My answer to him was that..."when I retire, I will still be a Cooperative Member-Owner. These types of issues will still have an impact on me and that as a Member-Owner, I will continue voicing my concerns". I hope you all are doing the same. If you haven't

already done so, please contact www.action.coop and let your Cooperative Voice be heard.

For those of you living within the corporate limits of Saratoga, and haven't heard yet, the Town of Saratoga is proposing a four percent (4%) franchise fee as part of their requirement to renew Carbon's franchise agreement ordinance with the Town. Carbon has voiced its

FRANCHISE FEE: For those of you living within the corporate limits of Saratoga, and haven't heard yet, the Town of Saratoga is proposing a four percent (4%) franchise fee

concern over this proposal; however, if this ordinance passes as written, Carbon will be including this additional fee as line item on your monthly billing.

Carbon will be continuing with its annual pole/powerline inspection program later this summer. The facilities to be inspected will be those powerlines serving south of Saratoga.

We did experience a few problems during this spring's high water conditions. We had a few poles wash out and power lines go down. Nothing serious, but those types of conditions make it interesting for the crews who are trying to restore power.

Enjoy your summer. Thanks for being there for us.

Chuck

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CARBON POWER & LIGHT

by Meghan Evans

Every July, we take time to reflect on our country's history and remember how the actions of a few helped shape the way we live today. I think back on the rich history of the electric cooperative movement and how a small group of determined individuals were able to improve their quality of life and the quality of life for all those who would come after them.



Every day, Carbon Power & Light Members and Employees pay homage to the legacy of our cooperative founders. And, because we are a part of an electric cooperative, we know we have the power to impact our present and shape the future, just like those who came before us.

Through grassroots advocacy efforts, we help influence policy decisions that will affect our communities now and for years to come. We are the catalyst for change in our communities. We leverage our collective power to get things done.

We work together, partnering with other co-ops, local businesses and community organizers to achieve economic development goals. Creating better opportunities and increasing the quality of life for our families and communities – just as our founding co-op Members did.

We understand that the decisions we make today could greatly affect how future generations live, so we invest in energy efficiency programs that protect our future generations while still providing high-quality, affordable electric power.

Cooperatives are helping to build the next generation of leadership through our Youth Tour Programs; sending high school students to Washington, D.C. to meet with law makers and get an up-close view of how our government functions. Youth Tour participants leave our nation's capital feeling energized. It inspires

them to make a difference in their communities and gives them a new perspective. Youth Tour provides young people from our communities with an opportunity they may otherwise have never known.

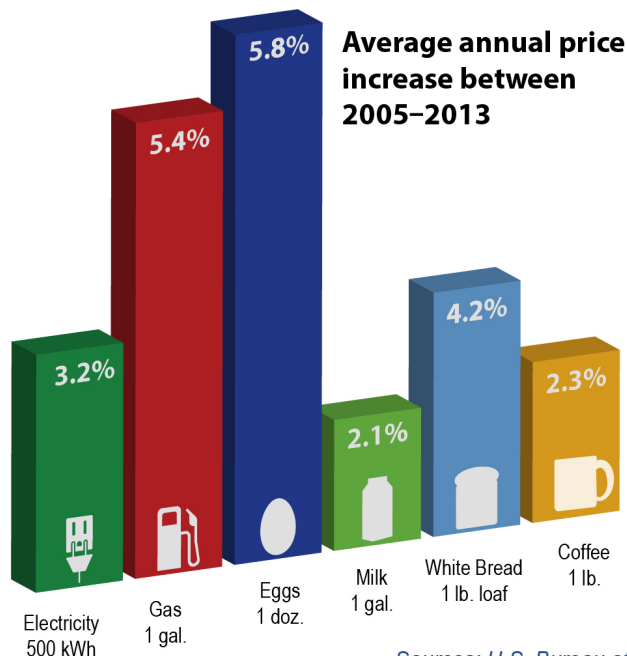
All of these things, plus so much more, are what make-up the cooperative difference. This Fourth of July, as we think about the future of electric cooperatives and how we will continue to shape our country and our society, Carbon Power & Light remembers what it took to bring power to our communities and let the determination of those who came before us, guide us.

Meghan Evans writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Arlington, Va.-based service arm of the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives.

Member Statistics Report	April 2013	April 2014
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$36,567,200	\$37,969,906
Cost of Purchase Power	\$1,256,800	\$616,098
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$433,872	\$416,367
Tax & Interest Paid	\$43,237	\$48,518
Interest Received on Investments	\$1,568	\$9,135
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	1,915	1,928
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.1
Meters		
Total Meters	6,214	6,056
Residential/Rural	3,418	3,260
Residential/Seasonal	1,585	1,564
Large Power/Commercial	1,106	1,125
Other	105	107
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	17,596,711	8,272,404
Residential/Rural	3,040,707	2,797,425
Residential/Seasonal	250,857	241,278
Large Power/Commercial	14,003,142	4,939,940
Other	302,005	293,761
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	890	858
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$119	\$124
Avg. Seasonal kWh Used	158	154
Avg. Seasonal Bill	\$47	\$50

Electricity Remains a Good Value

Electricity continues to be a bargain, especially when compared to other consumer goods. As demand for energy rises and fuel prices increase, your electric cooperative is committed to providing safe, reliable electricity and keeping your electric bill affordable.



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Mainstream Graphics

Carbon welcomes any comments or questions members may have. *David H. Nutt* 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.

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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

SUMMER ENERGY EFFICIENCY: Myth vs. Fact

Myth #1: When I'm not home, keeping my air conditioner at a lower temperature throughout the day means it doesn't have to run harder to cool my home when I return.

FACT: To save energy, set your thermostat to a higher temperature during the day and lower it when you return home.

Myth #2: Closing vents on my central air conditioning system will boost efficiency.

FACT: Closing vents can cause the compressor to cycle too frequently and the heat pump to overload. You'll also use more energy.

Myth #3: Time of day doesn't matter when it comes to running my appliances.

FACT: Time of day does matter when running electrical loads. For example, take advantage of the delay setting and run your dishwasher at night to avoid peak times of use and save energy.

Myth #4: Bigger is always better when it comes to cooling equipment.

FACT: Too often cooling equipment isn't sized properly and leads to higher electric bills. A unit that's too large for your home will not cool evenly and might produce higher humidity indoors.



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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: Department of Energy

CARBON POWER & LIGHT

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MAY - SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER - APRIL

Monday - Friday ☞ 8 AM - 4:30 PM

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