



Carbon Light Lines

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GARY JACOBSEN
District 1 Director

Board Actions JULY 2016

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Work Order #524 in the amount of \$83,629.90.

Approved Director Hodgkiss as the voting delegate for the NRECA Region VII meeting and Director Curry as the alternate voting delegate.

What are time-of-day rates?

Time-of-day (TOD) rates are off-peak rates that are lower than the residential on-peak kWh rates and are for Members who have purchased Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) heating systems.

The ETS program is designed to encourage lower usage during peak times of the system's energy consumption.

How do the TOD rates work?

Time-of-day rates work by billing the actual cost of making and delivering power at different times, meaning power is the cheapest overnight, or in the early afternoon hours when the overall demand on the system for electricity is lower (off-peak).

Tips for Safe Summer Driving

Summer is the season of vacation and road trips. If you plan on spending time in the car this summer, it is important to be aware of electrical safety risks you may encounter on the road.

If you are driving after a storm, keep away from downed power poles, stray power lines, and damaged electric equipment. Downed and damaged electric equipment can still be charged with electric energy. If you come in contact with the equipment you could receive a severe shock.

Car accidents are another occasion when people may come in contact with electricity. If you are in a car accident with a power pole, do not leave the car until utility professionals tell you it is safe. After a car accident, it may be instinctive to flee the car as quickly as possible. However, if you are in an accident with a power pole, inside the car is probably the safest place.

If the power line involved in the accident is still energized and you step outside, your body becomes the path for that electricity and electrocution is the tragic result. Even if a power line has landed on the ground, there is still the potential for the area near your car to be energized. Stay inside the vehicle unless there's fire or imminent risk of fire.

If you must get out because of a fire, jump clear of the vehicle without touching it and the ground at the same time. Then hop with feet together, this way there will not be a voltage difference between your two feet, which would give electricity the chance to flow through your body.

Several years ago, a group of four Indiana teenagers were in an accident with a power pole. Fortunately, they had seen a demonstration about the dangers of electricity in car accidents earlier that week at their school. Not only did the teenagers know to stay in the car, they warned people who approached the car to stay far away. A video of their story is available on the Safe Electricity website.

Carbon Power & Light, Inc. wishes you safety in all your travels this summer.

Time-of-Day Rates Start September 1st!

Time-of-Day Rates



How do I qualify for the TOD Rate?

In order to qualify for the TOD rate you must have an electric-based ETS heating system that has the capacity to store heat with appropriate timing and controls.

Where can I purchase an ETS system?

Carbon Power & Light can assist you. Call the office and ask for Member Services.



Member-Owned Service-Proud



[RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER]



RUSSELL WALDNER

"RULES AND REGULATIONS"

I thought I had previously brought to your attention that the Wyoming Public Service Commission (WPSC) was updating all of their rules and regulations. After an exhaustive search, I have discovered I was wrong. I have a friend that when you start a sentence with "I thought" always responds you are half right.

The reason for the rules rewrite was the Governor wanted the volumes of pages of regulations reduced. The Cooperatives in the spirit of reduced pages of rules and regulations, worked with the WPSC staff to formulate model rules and regulations that all electric Cooperatives could use. These updated rules and regulations are supposed to be approved by September 30th 2016. With the model rules and regulations just being finalized the first part of August we are in somewhat of a time crunch. The links to the current and proposed rules and regulations are on our home page www.carbonpower.com.

As always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call us at 1-800-359-0249.

Thank you Member- Owners for making this one outstanding cooperative.

FCC OKs Automated Phone Calls by Co-ops

By Cathy Cash | ECT Staff Writer
Published: August 9th, 2016

Electric cooperatives say they are pleased with a Federal Communications Commission ruling that allows them to proceed with automated phone calls and prerecorded messages to communicate with their members.

A FCC ruling in favor of autodial calls and texts to cell phones is helpful for co-ops.

In an Aug. 4 decision, the FCC made clear that the practice of prerecorded notifications is within the law when members give their prior express consent.

"We believe the Federal Communications Commission made the right call on automated calls under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act," NRECA CEO Jim Matheson said.



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YEARS SERVING ON THE BOARD CARBON POWER & LIGHT, INC.

In 1967, Jerry Rabidue went to work for Carbon Power & Light and after completing four years of Casper College Correspondence, Jerry became a Journeyman Lineman. Jerry worked up to Line Superintendent and once was Acting Manager of Carbon Power & Light until the position was filled.

Jerry left Carbon Power & Light in 1980 to pursue his family's small business in Arlington.

As a former Employee of Carbon Power & Light and serving on the Board of Directors since 1981, Jerry is very dedicated to the Member-Owners of Carbon.

Next year's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017. Plan now to attend!!



MEMBER-OWNED



SERVICE-PROUD

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COOPERATIVE EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

Carbon Power & Light is fortunate to employ dedicated professionals who do their best to keep the cooperative operations efficient. A total of 27 full-time employees *Joseph Doherty* cover over 1,960 sq. miles of energized lines for over 4,040 member-owners like yourself. These four employees were recognized on stage at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Membership back in June for their dedication and years of service to Carbon Power & Light.



Nick Cary
Journeyman Lineman
5 years



Erika Koenig
Work Order Clerk
20 years



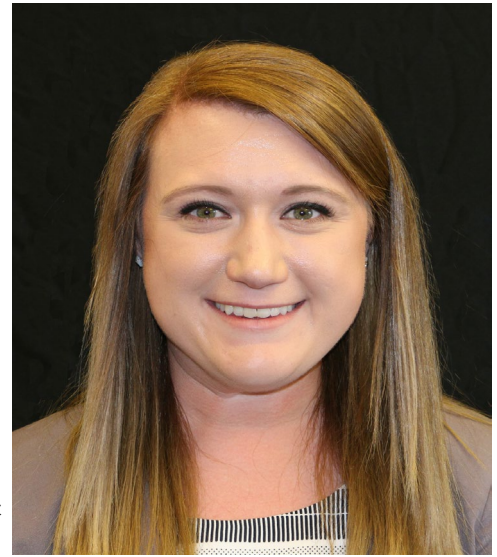
Matt Love
Journeyman Lineman
20 years



Russell Waldner
General Manager
25 years

Member Statistics Report	June 2015	June 2016
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$40,149,450	\$41,218,765
Cost of Purchase Power	\$786,994	\$556,129
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$425,669	\$448,803
Tax & Interest Paid	\$51,850	\$55,161
Interest Received on Investments	\$1,727	\$3,737
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	1,940	1,961
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
Meters		
Total Meters	6,147	6,185
Residential/Rural	3,290	3,381
Residential/Seasonal	1,626	1,585
Large Power/Commercial	1,126	1,113
Other	105	106
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	9,444,620	6,861,268
Residential/Rural	1,903,071	1,766,144
Residential/Seasonal	255,279	269,664
Large Power/Commercial	6,416,913	3,900,639
Other	869,357	924,821
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	578	522
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$92	\$88
Avg. Seasonal kWh Used	157	170
Avg. Seasonal Bill	\$51	\$52

Please help us welcome **Stephanie Patterson** to our Carbon Power family. Stephanie is our new cashier/receptionist. Stephanie is originally from Dover, PA. She attended college in Vermont and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. In 2011 she was commissioned into the Army as a 2nd Lt., she did her basic training in Ft. Lee Virginia, and from there she moved to Ft. Hood, TX where she was on active duty for 4 years. Texas is where she met the love of her life and married Patrick Patterson. Stephanie grew up playing soccer and running track and cross country, she even plays the violin. Stephannie enjoys being outdoors hiking, snow shoeing and riding horses. Their family entails 3 fur babies Bella, Ammo and Riley.



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 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

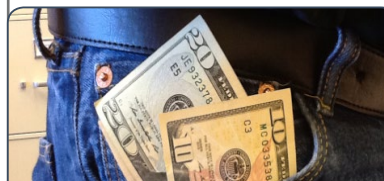
<u>DISTRICT 1</u>	<u>DISTRICT 2</u>	<u>DISTRICT 3</u>
Gary Jacobsen	Robert J. Johnson	Dick Clifton
Laurie Forster	Jerry Rabidue	Clay Thompson
Dan Hodgkiss	Kenny Curry	Jim Rogers

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	ANB	Bank of the West
202 5th St	3908 Grand Ave	302 N. 1st St.
Rawlins, WY	Laramie, WY	Saratoga, WY

We will be **CLOSED** on September 5th 2016 to celebrate



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 will no longer be offering outside computer support as of July 1st 2016.



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 MAKE SURE YOURS IS HEARD
 TOGETHERWESAVE.COM



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 Office Hours
MAY - SEPTEMBER
 Monday - Thursday ☞ 7 AM - 5:30 PM
OCTOBER - APRIL
 Monday - Friday ☞ 8 AM - 4:30 PM

