



Carbon Light Lines

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BOB JOHNSON
District 2 Director

Board Actions FEBRUARY 2017

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Board Resolution 17-01 Requesting guaranteed Federal Financing Bank (FFB) Loan.

Approved Board Resolution 17-02 Adopting Load Forecast

Approved Board Resolution 17-03 Long Range Financial Forecast.

Approved Board Resolution 17-04 Approval of reconsidered and or updated Interconnection of Distributed Resources Policy.

Date to Remember

June 24th - 76th Annual Meeting of the Membership. Held each year on the fourth Saturday in June. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Business meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. ~210 W. Elm St., Saratoga, WY~

Carbon Power & Light, Inc. ~ Since 1941 76th Annual Meeting of the Membership



REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 10:30 A.M. AT THE PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER IN SARATOGA FOR THE 76TH 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.

1 incumbent Laurie Forster, District 2 incumbent Robert J. Johnson and District 3 incumbent Clay Thompson.

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.

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 10, 2017. For a list of the committee members and the contact information, see page 4 of this newsletter.



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 other business transactions that may come before the meeting. The three directors who are up for re-election are: District

Nominations are being accepted for Carbon Power & Light's Board of Directors until 4:30 P.M. Monday, April 10, 2017.

If you would like to be considered as a candidate, please contact Valerie Remick at 800.359.0249 or 307.326.5206.



Member-Owned Service Proud



[RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER]



RUSSELL WALDNER

This is the time of year when we recover from springing forward and recognize our outstanding Lineman for the service and dedication they provide our Member-Owners.

National lineman's day is April 10 and the Governor of the great state of Wyoming, Matt Mead will sign a proclamation to proclaim that their efforts are life enhancing. There is a music video for that as well and you can view and listen to it on You Tube just search for The Band Steele-The Lineman.

I have to tell you a little about our lineman, The Carbon Crew. We have a very safe and dedicated crew of lineman. They are courteous, courageous, tenacious, resilient, and safe. They work tirelessly in miserable conditions in order to provide all of Carbon's Member-Owner's with safe reliable electric service that we may have a better quality of life. Lineman are similar to Icebergs in that

all I tell you about is just the part above the surface.

If you see a Lineman during April.....Thank them!

Pay Now

A fast one-time Electric Bill
Payment option with NO
Registration Requirement.

All you need to login is your account number and last name, or business name. No payment information is stored. This is a basic means of paying your bill online. Please use SmartHub for usage information and to store payment information. This is for the basic option of paying the bill only.

Click "Pay Now" to begin
<https://carbonpower.smarthub.coop/PayNow.html>

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(866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Monday 10th of April, 2017 will be...

Lineman Appreciation Day

Every day there are men and women who enter extreme peril to protect our lives, and bring us all the conveniences of modern living. They dangle dozens to hundreds of feet above the ground on precarious harnesses, dancing between snakelike wires that, if improperly handled, can easily erase their lives in a massive jolt of electricity while simultaneously blacking out entire sections of the city. Lineman Appreciation Day celebrates those men and women who put their lives at risk to keep the power flowing through our communities.

History of Lineman Appreciation Day

Linemen have existed for as long as electricity has been a standard part of modern living. Without them there would be no power lines carrying electricity to our homes and businesses, keeping the lights on and the furnaces going, and ensuring that we have the warm glow of the TV to curl up around *Cynthia S Schneider* as the night creeps in. Linemen are often called to do their jobs in the most dangerous of conditions and facing the worst weather the world has to offer. After all, we rarely lose power on a windless sunny day, now do we?

Of course, even the best of conditions leaves them handling wires that carry thousands of volts of electricity pushing thousands of Amps (that's the stuff that kills you) every day. But when the chips are down and Mother Nature is doing her worst, these are the people who will be out there restoring power, setting up emergency systems to carry us through, and putting life back in order when the storms have finally passed. There are 115,000 linemen in the US alone, which puts the fact that 67,000 of them responded to Superstorm Sandy into perspective.



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CARE
ABOUT
THE
COMMUNITIES
THEY
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#ThankALineman

Member Statistics Report	Jan 2016	Jan 2017
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$40,590,712	\$41,717,903
Cost of Purchase Power	\$842,767	\$904,967
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$443,249	\$487,485
Tax & Interest Paid	\$73,973	\$69,523
Interest Received on Investments	\$3,357	\$4,077
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	1,947	1,965
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
Meters		
Total Meters	6,165	6,217
Residential/Rural	3,360	3,413
Residential/Seasonal	1,587	1,576
Large Power/Commercial	1,113	1,120
Other	105	108
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	10,898,255	11,683,450
Residential/Rural	4,298,856	4,402,397
Residential/Seasonal	587,719	679,899
Large Power/Commercial	5,681,715	6,281,259
Other	329,965	319,895
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	1,279	1,283
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$164	\$163
Avg. Seasonal kWh Used	370	408
Avg. Seasonal Bill	\$75	\$78

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.

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 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

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



EVERY MEMBER HAS A VOICE
 MAKE SURE YOURS IS HEARD
 TOGETHERWESAVE.COM

2017 Nominating Committee Members

The 2017 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 year's Nominating Committee are:

District 1

*Cris Fournier 307.326.5755
 Rocky Fiedor 307.326.5330
 Joe Glode 307.326.8880*

District 2

*Rodney Thornburg 307.378.2828
 Gerald LeBeau 307.378.2329
 Bobby Heward 307.379.2558*

District 3

*Nita Engen 307.742.9585
 Pat Parker 307.745.5767
 Orville Johnson 307.760.6605*



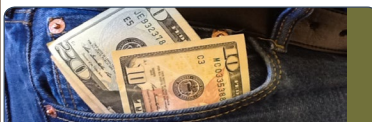
Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Dishwasher Efficiency Tip: Air dry clean dishes to save energy. If your dishwasher does not have an automatic air-dry switch, turn off the dishwasher after the final rinse and prop the door open slightly so the dishes will dry faster.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

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MAY - SEPTEMBER
 Monday - Thursday ☞ 7 AM - 5:30 PM

OCTOBER - APRIL
 Monday - Friday ☞ 8 AM - 4:30 PM

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