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# Carbon Light Lines

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GARY JACOBSEN  
District 1 Director

## Board Actions JULY 2017

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Voting delegate for Basin Annual meeting Director Curry.

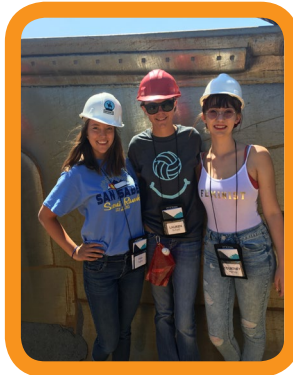
Approved Work Order Inventory for \$75,843.20.

Approved Voting delegate for WREA Annual meeting Director Rabidue and Director Jacobsen Alternate.



This year's Youth Leadership Camper was **Lauren Buford.**

She enjoyed two touring days that included a rafting trip down the Colorado River, a visit to the Fish Creek Falls, shopping in Steamboat Springs and an intimate view of the Craig Power Plant and Trapper Mine. Lauren said "It was a **GREAT EXPERIENCE**, and it would be way cool if more kids from here would go!!"



From climbing in coal buckets to hard hats over looking the Craig Power Plant to a little fun in the sun. **GREAT FUN** was had by all.

Photos by Lauren Buford



## Member-Owned Service Proud



[ RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER ]



*Stay safe  
out there!!*



**Pole Testing:** In accordance with Rural Utilities Services (RUS) guidelines Carbon contracts with Thayer Pole Testing, to test a percentage of our wood power poles each year. Because of our dry climate, our wood poles tend to last a little longer than they do in most areas of the country, however some do decay over time and cause us problems. The testing process determines the power pole's strength and helps us complete preventive maintenance before problems arise. Testing of the pole is our primary focus but we complete several other tasks while the contractor is at the pole; 1) a visual inspection of the pole's hardware and any noted maintenance requirements, 2) a GPS mapping location of each pole and its equipment configuration and, 3) A company pole number is assigned to each pole and a tag is attached to each inspected pole. This year our inspectors have been focusing on the Saratoga area, along with our power lines that run south and west out of the Saratoga area. So...if you see

their vehicles/ATV's with Carbon Power & Light placards, they are associated with our pole inspecting contractor.

**Social Media:** Carbon Power and Light's Facebook page continues to gain followers. We provide periodic updates on Company projects and happenings. In the case of power outages, Carbon will also be providing update information on this site for outages that occur during normal working hours. It's a great place to visit and stay abreast of your Cooperative's happenings.

**New Substation:** We continue to work on our new delivery point substation for the Laramie area and it seems to be a two steps forward and one step back process. This will be a great enhancement in our efforts to accommodate load growth and continue providing safe and reliable service in the Laramie and Centennial areas.

# THREE 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 THREE 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 \*Thomas A Sorenson\* 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.

### *3. Online*

**carbonpower.com then click on "Pay My Bill"**

## 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.

Member Statistics Report	June 2016	June 2017
<b>Financial</b>		
Total Utility Plant	\$41,218,765	\$42,379,613
Cost of Purchase Power	\$556,129	\$1,134,426
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$448,803	\$498,537
Tax & Interest Paid	\$55,161	\$54,737
Interest Received on Investments	\$3,737	\$5,277
<b>Energized Line &amp; Consumers</b>		
Miles of Energized Line	1,961	1,966
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
<b>Meters</b>		
Total Meters	6,185	6,237
Residential/Rural	4,966	4,981
Irrigation	51	52
Large Power/Commercial	1,113	1,143
Other	55	61
<b>kWh Usage</b>		
Total kWh	6,861,268	14,719,357
Residential/Rural	2,035,808	2,303,651
Irrigation	751,598	827,961
Large Power/Commercial	3,900,639	11,409,307
Other	173,223	178,438
<b>Averages</b>		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	410	462
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$76	\$86

## Time-of-Day Rates Start September 1st!

### What are time-of-day rates?

Time-of-day (TOD) rates are off-peak and on-peak rates that result in a rate lower than the residential 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).

### 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.



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](mailto:info@carbonpower.com).

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**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 online bill pay or ACH: [www.carbonpower.com](http://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

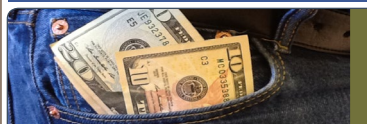
## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Cooler temps will be here soon! No matter what kind of heating system you have in your home, you can save money and increase your comfort by properly maintaining and upgrading your equipment. Contact a licensed professional to inspect your system *before* the winter chill arrives.

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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