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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

# Carbon Light Lines

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SHAE JOHNSON  
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## Board Actions JUNE 2019

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved the 2019 Capital Credit check disbursement of \$1,038,938.88.

Approved suspending the sales of satellite internet systems.

Approved tuitions up to \$5,000.00 for the Cooperative 101 Business Class offered at the University of Wyoming.

## ATTENTION

### ETS USERS

To maximize your energy efficiency and lower your costs, double check your timers on your ETS units to make sure you are storing heat during the off-peak time.

## Look Up For Power Lines and Stay Safe!

### Look Up and Look Out for Power Lines When Using Ladders

Ladders put home owners and construction workers closer to important tasks that they need to work on, but they also put people closer to overhead power lines. Many of these power lines carry 7,200 volts of electricity. To put that in perspective, the 120 volts of electricity in your home can be fatal. The overhead lines carry 60 times that. While raising and working on ladders, it is easy to focus on the task at hand and the risks of being at elevated heights. Safe Electricity encourages you to also remember the electrical dangers of overhead power lines when using a ladder.

In a Consumer Product Safety Commission Report, ladders were involved in more electrocutions than any other product. Overhead power lines are responsible for more fatal electrical accidents at work than any other type of electrical accident. Fortunately, contact with overhead power lines can be avoided with the proper precautions.

Safe Electricity offers the following tips to use when working with ladders:

- Look up and look out for power lines.
- Keep equipment and yourself at least 10 feet from power lines.
- Work only when weather permits. Wind could blow a ladder out of

control and into a power line. Rain is a good conductor of electricity.

- Never trim near power lines. Call professional tree trimmers to do the job.
- Never use water or blower extensions to clean gutters near electric lines. Contact a professional maintenance contractor.



Follow safety guidelines whether you use an aluminum, wooden, or fiberglass ladder. Although some materials are better conductors than others, all ladders require the same precautions.

For more information on protecting yourself from outdoor electrical hazards, visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).



## Member-Owned Service - Proud



[ RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER ]



We had an article in the Light Lines about the University of Wyoming's Cooperative Business class creation. WREA played a vital role in getting this class offering to fruition. Carbon has now stepped up and offered through a donation to the University of Wyoming Foundation a scholarship to any student who resides in Carbon's service territory tuition for the class. **If you are or know a student that would benefit from this scholarship, please have them contact UW Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid to use this scholarship.**

One day a person that has taken this course will use their enhanced understanding of the cooperative business model to provide services and products to their community that would not have happened without the cooperative business model. Even before this day this investment in our future will prove itself prudent.

**Should you have questions or suggestions please let us know.**



## 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 \*Ken Rakness\* 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 2018	June 2019
<b>Financial</b>		
Total Utility Plant	\$42,379,613	\$46,634,390
Cost of Purchase Power	\$520,462	\$606,276
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$444,490	\$467,045
Tax & Interest Paid	\$57,346	\$59,022
Interest Received on Investments	\$8,767	\$8,989
<b>Energized Line &amp; Consumers</b>		
Miles of Energized Line	1,970	1,976
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
<b>Meters</b>		
Total Meters	6,237	6,342
Residential/Rural	4,981	5,164
Irrigation	52	51
Large Power/Commercial	1,143	1,070
Other	61	57
<b>kWh Usage</b>		
Total kWh	7,558,928	8,119,017
Residential/Rural	2,330,789	2,533,311
Irrigation	789,092	588,124
Large Power/Commercial	4,258,199	4,827,188
Other	180,848	170,394
<b>Averages</b>		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	464	490
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$86	\$89

# SAVINGS + COMFORT

Electric storage heating systems convert electricity into heat during off-peak hours when the demand for electricity is low. The stored heat is distributed later, as needed, to heat your home 24 hours a day. These systems qualify for lower electric rates and may be eligible for rebates. There are two basic systems:

- Electric Thermal Slab Storage Heat – (electric cable, electric mats).
- Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) room units/central heating systems.

### Off-Peak Storage Heating

Winter: On-Peak \$ .13 kWh  
 Winter: Off Peak \$ .06 kWh  
 Summer: All kWh \$ .12 kWh

Call Member Services for more information about ETS heating.

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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 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.

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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 also pay your bill at the following location:

ANB  
 3908 Grand Ave  
 Laramie, WY

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Fall/Winter Energy Tip: When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10 percent a year on your heating and cooling bills. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature – set it and forget it!

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



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If you find your name in \*asterisks\* in this newsletter, contact Carbon Power & Light to receive a \$30 credit on your electric bill.

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Monday - Thursday ~ 7 AM - 5:30 PM

OCTOBER - APRIL

Monday - Friday ~ 8 AM - 4:30 PM

