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Laurie Forster  
 District 1 Director

Board Actions  
 JULY 2020

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Director Clifton to be the voting delegate for the CFC.

Approved Director Curry to be the voting delegate for NCSC.

Approved \$1,000.00 for the WREA Scholarship fund in lieu of the Hotline school registrations and golf tournament donation.

Then. Now. Always.  
 We're proud to power your life.  
**October is National Co-op Month.**



**#PowerOn**



## Member-Owned Service - Proud



[ RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER ]



Here we are in the middle of October already we are working on the budget for next year and all indication so far is no need for rate adjustment. We have had lower sales through most rate classes this year with one exception, Irrigation. It has been one dry summer.

Our new service rebate program has been keeping our engineering department very engaged with those members needing or contemplating a new service. Many of those engineering discussions have lead to work orders and new service connections. Through August, we have completed 40 new services in 2020 during the pandemic. Way to keep moving forward Carbon Members. For comparison, we completed 70 new services in all of 2019.

Tri-State is also looking at their future expenses and they are looking out further that just the next budget cycle and they are anticipating a rate reduction in 2022. This is good news as Carbon's long rage forecast indicates we are seeing some upward rate pressure. As we always do, we have to work

hard for the Members of Carbon to make sure we are doing all we can to meet the mission.

Continually Communicate our Commitment to Community; Plan Productively, Perfect our Potential, and be Passionate about our Member-Owner's Perspective; & Learn, Lead, and Light the way to a better quality of Life for our Member-Owners.

As always, if you have questions, comments, or concerns, please contact us.



## Power On: October is National Co-op Month

By Anne Prince

As an electric cooperative, our top priority is always to provide reliable, affordable energy to you, the consumer-members we serve. Because we are a co-op, our mission is to enrich the lives of our members and serve the long-term interests of our local community--and this mission has never been more critical than in recent months. One of the seven principles that guides all co-ops is "concern for community." To me, this principle is the essential DNA of Carbon Power & Light, Inc., and it sets us apart from other electric utilities.

October is National Co-op Month, and electric cooperatives across the country are highlighting the many ways we "Power On." Keeping this theme in mind, I recognize the essential role we play in serving a special community like ours.

Who would have fathomed in March, that the COVID-19 virus would amount to a test of our community and our nation? The changing circumstances due to the pandemic have created both challenges and opportunities. Over the past several months, we've all been challenged to operate differently, and Carbon Power & Light, Inc. has stepped up to help our members and strengthen the safety net for our more vulnerable neighbors.

As an essential service, and to ensure reliability of your power supply, we modified our operations to safeguard business continuity. Some staff worked remotely. In the office, we limited and modified meetings and gatherings to allow for safe separation. We also closed our walk-in office availability and in-person service calls to ensure the health and safety of our employees and our valued members.

For the health and safety of everyone, we think these measures were the prudent course of action for the times.

For our members impacted by COVID-19 who needed help with their electric bills, we waived late fees and worked with those hardest hit to make special payment arrangements.

And while we certainly missed visiting with you in person, \*Roger Dunnuck\* we found new ways to stay connected. More Facebook posts I tell you about all of these efforts to explain how much we care about this community--because we live here too.

We've seen other local businesses rising to meet similar challenges during this time, because that's what communities do. While the challenges caused by COVID-19 have been daunting, I'm heartened to see how everyone is pulling together.

In 1941, Carbon Power & Light was built by the community to serve the community, and that's what we'll continue to do – Power On.

*Anne Prince writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national trade association representing more than 900 local electric cooperatives. From growing suburbs to remote farming communities, electric co-ops serve as engines of economic development for 42 million Americans across 56 percent of the nation's landscape.*

Member Statistics Report	July 2019	July 2020
<b>Financial</b>		
Total Utility Plant	\$46,634,390	\$48,343,105
Cost of Purchase Power	\$606,276	\$567,387
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$467,045	\$488,655
Tax & Interest Paid	\$59,022	\$61,188
Interest Received on Investments	\$8,989	\$2,645
<b>Energized Line &amp; Consumers</b>		
Miles of Energized Line	1,976	1,981
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
<b>Meters</b>		
Total Meters	6,342	6,392
Residential/Rural	5,164	5,230
Irrigation	51	52
Large Power/Commercial	1,070	1,060
Other	57	50
<b>kWh Usage</b>		
Total kWh	8,119,017	7,878,977
Residential/Rural	2,533,311	2,675,488
Irrigation	588,124	681,899
Large Power/Commercial	4,827,188	3,998,257
Other	170,394	148,402
<b>Averages</b>		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	490	512
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$89	\$92

# 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 rates and may be eligible for rebates.

Please call Joe Parrie with any questions. 307-326-5206.

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

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OCTOBER - APRIL

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