



Member Owned ~ Service Proud  
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

# Carbon Light Lines

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December 2023



CLAY THOMPSON  
District 3 Director

## Board Actions SEPTEMBER 2023

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Reviewed Policy 1-10 Loss Control Management.

Reviewed Policy 1-9 Annual Meeting Drawings.

## CLOSED

Carbon Power & Light will be closed December 25 and January 1 for the holidays.

In the event of an outage or service interruption, call 307.326.5206 or 800.359.0249 24 hours a day, every day.

**G**RADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS have the opportunity to obtain financial assistance for higher education. The purpose of the scholarships is to provide financial assistance to deserving students whose parents or legal guardians receive electrical service from Carbon Power & Light. It is part of our commitment to community to provide these scholarships.

**Nine scholarship opportunities are available to students whose parents or legal guardians receive electricity from Carbon Power & Light.**

### CARBON POWER & LIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Six \$3,000 Scholarships are provided to students attending an accredited college or vocational-technical school in the State of Wyoming or at the University of Wyoming as a full time student.



### BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

The Basin Electric Power Cooperative scholarship is for graduating seniors. This scholarship will award an applicant with one (1) \$1,000 scholarship to further the student's education at a certified vocational or technical school.

### TRI-STATE G&T SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for graduating seniors. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to two applicants enrolling in ANY post-secondary accredited institution having at least a one-year degree program.

To obtain an application for the above scholarships or apply for other scholarships (geared specifically for electrical careers), log onto [www.carbonpower.com](http://www.carbonpower.com) and click on "scholarships".

The application(s) must be postmarked or received on or before 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 1, 2024. For questions, please contact Valerie Remick by emailing [vremick@carbonpower.com](mailto:vremick@carbonpower.com), or by calling Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. at 307.326.5206 or 800.359.0249.



## Member-Owned Service - Proud



### RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER



We have an outstanding team of employees here at Carbon! They strive to support our Members in all things Carbon. They watch for issues that may cause an outage or endanger anyone. They take pride in doing things right and doing the right thing. They are cautious and courteous to our communities and participate in making our communities better. We are so fortunate to have these outstanding individuals on our Team Carbon.

This is why it is such a gut punch when they hear disparaging comments about Carbon and the services we provide. We know that the lights are not going to stay on every minute of every day. We are working very diligently to make it as close to that goal as possible.

Over the last 5 years we have had an Average Service Availability Index of at least 99.46% and the other four years were at least 99.91% or greater. 99.46% of the 8,760 hours in the

year equals 8712.7 hours that leaves us with 47.3 hours of no power. At the 99.91% we are still left with 7.9 hours without power.

I still feel this is outstanding given the expansiveness of Carbon's service territory. It also makes it very clear that we need to be prepared for outages. We each need to have a plan to maintain our power needs. Our safety could depend on it!

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



Member Statistics Report	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
<b>Financial</b>		
Total Utility Plant	\$54,966,176	\$57,868,370
Cost of Purchase Power	\$539,538	\$568,743
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$515,203	\$513,247
Tax & Interest Paid	\$66,840	\$67,989
Interest Received on Investments	\$12,332	\$20,419
<b>Energized Line &amp; Consumers</b>		
Miles of Energized Line	2,006	2,014
Consumers Per Mile	3.3	3.3
<b>Meters</b>		
Total Meters	6,618	6,692
Residential/Rural	5,447	5,512
Irrigation	51	54
Large Power/Commercial	1,070	1,076
Other	50	50
<b>kWh Usage</b>		
Total kWh	7,697,528	7,936,977
Residential/Rural	2,522,541	2,594,696
Irrigation	200,413	165,666
Large Power/Commercial	4,810,874	5,007,059
Other	163,700	169,556
<b>Averages</b>		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	463	471
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$84	\$85

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.\*David Bradbury\* Mail comments to Carbon Power & Light, Inc. P.O. Box 579, Saratoga, WY 82331, ATTN: Newsletter or email info@carbonpower.com.

Visit our website at: [www.carbonpower.com](http://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**

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 For more information,  
 please call the billing dept.

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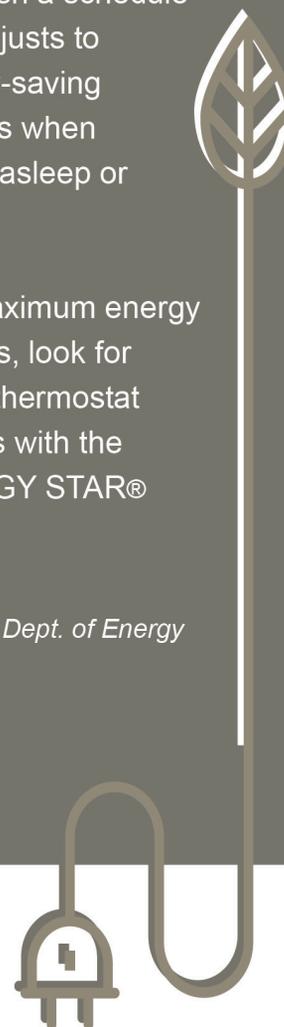
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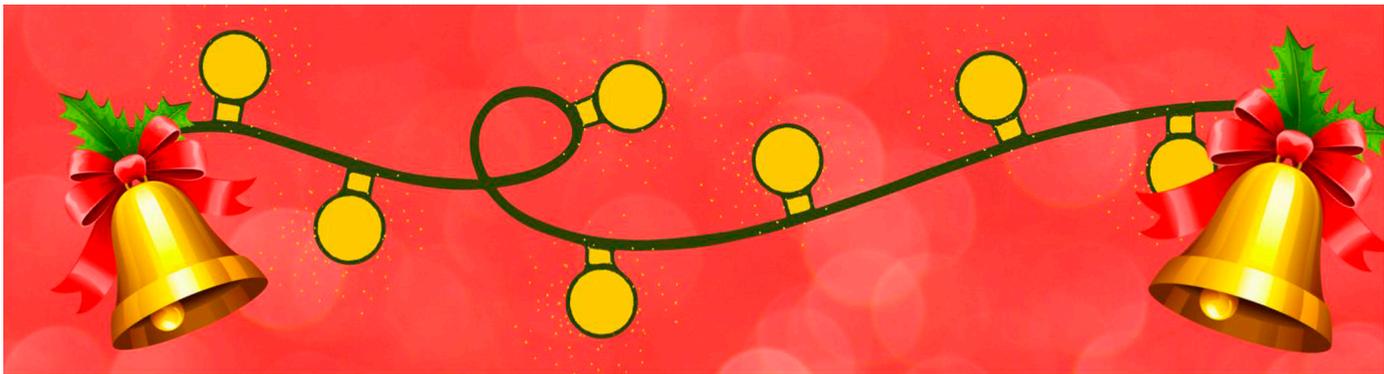
## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Get smart with a better way to heat and cool your home! Smart thermostats are Wi-Fi enabled and automatically adjust heating and cooling temperature settings in your home for optimal performance. Smart thermostats learn your temperature preferences and establish a schedule that adjusts to energy-saving settings when you're asleep or away.

For maximum energy savings, look for smart thermostat models with the ENERGY STAR® label.

Source: Dept. of Energy





Merry Christmas!



And a Happy New Year!



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Office Hours

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

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

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**WREA**  
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