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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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KENNY CURRY
District 2 Director

Board Actions
JUNE 2022

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Capital Credit Retirement for \$994,969.81.

Approved taking Director voting ballots through July 6, 2022.

Energy Day at the Carbon County Fair!!!



Nick Cary demonstration use of a hot stick.

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Joe Parrie



Front row; Barrett Cary and Shelly Larson. Back row Nick Cary and Trevor Larson.





Member-Owned Service - Proud



RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER



I do not know if I have mentioned this before, but Carbon is a cooperative. Everything we have and everything we can accomplish is because our Member-Owners participate in the cooperative by purchasing electricity and the other services we offer.

When you sign up for electric service, you have to sign an agreement to become a Member-Owner. Part of that agreement has this language:

The Applicant shall become a Member/Owner of the Cooperative, purchase all electric service at the location described herein, and be bound by the Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws, and the Rules and Regulations as filed and approved by the Wyoming Public Service Commission.

This is an excerpt from Carbon's bylaws:

Carbon's bylaws **Article 1, Section 7. Purchase of Electric Energy.**

Each electric service member shall, as soon as electric energy shall be available, purchase from the Cooperative all electric energy purchased on the premises specified in the contract for electric service, and shall pay at

rates which shall from time to time be fixed by the board. It is expressly understood that amounts paid for electric energy in excess of the cost of service are furnished by members as capital and each member shall be credited with the capital so furnished as provided in these bylaws.

The reason for a signed agreement is that we have a relationship that will cover a long period of time. We have returned capital credits to our membership every year for the thirty years I have been at Carbon and I would wager that will continue for the next thirty years.

When a Member-Owner installs a net-metered system (a renewable generation source) at their home or business as the law allows, it is detrimental to the Cooperative as a whole. Less sales and the requirement to purchase net-metered energy from the net-metered system reduce our financial strength. Carbon currently has 73 net-metered systems connected and 13 of those were connected in the last year. As it is now, and increasingly, as the numbers grow, the rest of the membership will have to make up the difference, the net-metered systems reduce our overall patronage capital.

If you are a Member-Owner of Carbon, you can take pride in what the membership has accomplished since 1941. From the Stateline on 287 south of Laramie to Walcott down Hwy 230 and back to the Stateline and almost everything in between has been electrified by the membership's patronage.

Member Statistics Report	June 2021	June 2022
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$49,944,261	\$52,840,178
Cost of Purchase Power	\$602,551	\$566,667
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$546,110	\$526,410
Tax & Interest Paid	\$63,501	\$65,188
Interest Received on Investments	\$2,022	\$6,703
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	1,991	2,002
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.3
Meters		
Total Meters	6,501	6,593
Residential/Rural	5,334	5,419
Irrigation	52	52
Large Power/Commercial	1,065	1,072
Other	50	50
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	7,851,772	7,969,147
Residential/Rural	2,561,053	2,569,615
Irrigation	751,099	768,446
Large Power/Commercial	4,388,497	4,471,068
Other	151,123	160,018
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	480	474
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$88	\$87

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. *Curtis R Campbell* 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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 For more information,
 please call the billing dept.

REMEMBER you can also pay your bill at the following location:

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 3908 Grand Ave
 Laramie, WY

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Our faucets and appliances use a lot of hot water. You can lower your water heating costs by using less hot water in your home. Water heating accounts for a large portion of home energy bills.

To save energy (and money!) used for water heating, repair any leaky faucets, install low-flow fixtures and insulate accessible hot water lines. When it's time to purchase a new washing machine or dishwasher, look for models that are ENERGY STAR®-certified

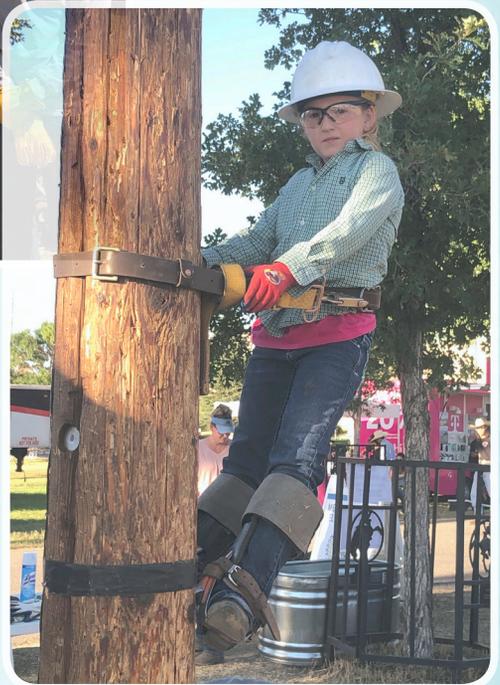
Source: Dept. of Energy



Wyoming State Fair

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Two of Carbon's employees work at the WREA booth at the Wyoming State Fair every August.

In 2022, Lineman Brady Borowski and Director of Member Services and Marketing Joe Parrie attended the fair. Brady demonstrated electrical safety and climbing skills for fair goers and Joe provided energy efficiency information, safety handouts, and educational opportunity handouts along with lots of promotional items.

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Joe Parrie



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