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CLAY THOMPSON
District 3 Director

Board Actions
NOVEMBER 2022

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved the 2023 Budget.

Approved Work Order Inventory #559 for \$179,105.11.



REMEMBER TO
SET YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD
ON
MARCH 12, 2023

New Little Laramie Substation Up and Running

The new Little Laramie Substation was brought on line on January 5th. The new substation serves areas along Herrick Lane, Mandel Lane, Dutton Creek Road, Woodedge, Cooper Cove, Hunt Road, Big Hollow Road, the east side of Wild Horse Ranch Subdivision, and services along Highway 130 from the Big Hollow Road east of Laramie.



Pictured are Brady Borowski and Kirby Larson.



Member-Owned Service - Proud



RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER



Most of the items I have been opining about in this space are from outside pressures to our Cooperative. Sometimes it feels like we have no control over these issues. While the influence we have is not very persuading as individuals, when we decide to do something together it is amazing what is accomplished.

When I drive around Carbon's service territory I am amazed at what your little cooperative has accomplished in the last 82 years. Views from the high spots at night let you see where all we have shed light to help each other with this most important life enhancing commodity.

When we discuss the pressures that seem to make our task of providing this commodity to you, insurmountable and other commodity providers are saying no big problem we can do that. You may wonder why the huge disparity in assessing the pressures in providing this commodity. It is really quite simple to explain. We have developed our network to serve each other this commodity. They have developed their network to provide return on investment (ROI) to their shareholders. We are vested to make it possible to receive the commodity. They built their business to attract business.

While we work to maintain our costs, they work to get their investors a better ROI. When we get outside pressure that will increase operational costs, we have to work to minimize the impact on our commodity consumers. They now get increased revenue because their base rate cost has been increased...It's just the cost of doing business. If their ROI is eleven percent and they generate eleven million and a new regulation or business process requires an additional six million, they still get their eleven percent.

Now...how do we influence these outside pressures? In the past we would work with industry organizations because of our common commodity. With the increase in efficiencies and the reduced margin for error it is extremely difficult to get on the same page with a business that doesn't share your desire to serve your owner the commodity rather maximizing the ROI. We need you to register with <https://voicesforcooperativpower.com/> and engage our policy makers. Only when the people say in unison "ENOUGH"...will there be a change.

As always contact us if you have questions or concerns.

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Member Statistics Report	Nov. 2021	Nov. 2022
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$50,615,885	\$55,744,423
Cost of Purchase Power	\$665,192	\$813,494
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$499,960	\$506,967
Tax & Interest Paid	\$62,279	\$61,927
Interest Received on Investments	\$2,163	\$15,846
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	2,002	2,007
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.3
Meters		
Total Meters	6,569	6,636
Residential/Rural	5,395	5,456
Irrigation	51	51
Large Power/Commercial	1,073	1,079
Other	50	50
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	9,323,763	10,610,347
Residential/Rural	3,817,610	4,489,712
Irrigation	15,844	21,836
Large Power/Commercial	5,273,491	5,868,949
Other	216,818	229,850
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	708	823
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$110	\$123

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. *Jozell Roberts* 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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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

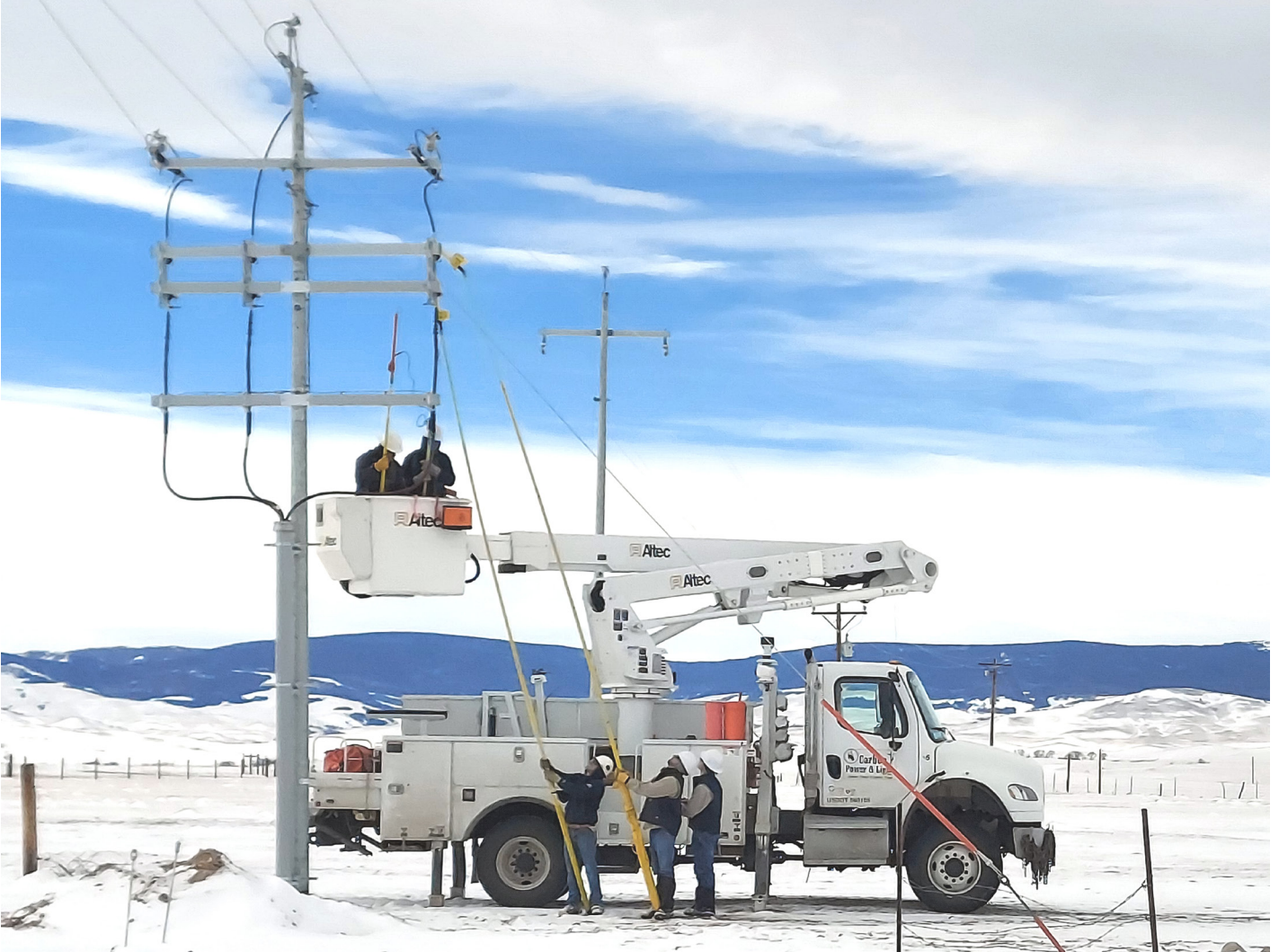
Did you know insulating your electric water heater can reduce standby heat loss by 25% to 45%? This could save you 7% to 16% on annual water heating costs. Insulating your electric water heater is an easy, inexpensive project that can improve energy efficiency and save you money each month. The Dept. of Energy rates this project as medium difficulty, meaning most homeowners can tackle this project on their own. You can purchase pre-cut jackets or blankets for about \$20 at most home improvement stores. Visit energy.gov for project tips and additional considerations.

Source: energy.gov



New Little Laramie Substation Phase Test Completed.

Carbon Power & Light's line crew members performed phase testing as part of bringing the new Little Laramie Substation on line. The new substation has a higher capacity compared to the old substation, which will provide for future growth in the area. Crews continue to work on the new Centennial Substation, which will also have a higher capacity.



Pictured are Cory Juhnke and Memphis Smith in the bucket. On the ground are Brady Borowski, Kirby Larson and Tom Westring.



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