



# CARBON LIGHT LINES

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December 2025



JOE DEVINE  
District 3 Director

## Board Actions SEPTEMBER 2025

Approved the  
Department  
Production and  
Financial Reports.  
Approved the  
Panther Paw School  
Fundraiser.  
Approved Policies

## CLOSED

Carbon Power & Light  
will be closed  
December 25th and  
January 1st 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 or 2) with a total of \$2,500 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. February 3, 2026. For questions, please contact Stephanie Patterson by emailing [spatterson@carbonpower.com](mailto:spatterson@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***



### **JIM BECKMANN, GENERAL MANAGER**



It's hard to believe another month has passed already. Last month I wrote about the impending rate increase from our power supplier that we will be passing on to our members. According to our rate consultant, the approximately 6.53% rate increase we will be seeing from our power supplier translates into a 3.99% increase in our kWh rate for our general service rate class, which is what homes, cabins, stock wells and most business accounts fall under. Our average general service account uses 760 kWh per month. That translates into a monthly increase of \$3.64 or 2.7%.

If you would like to see how all of the rate classes will be impacted, please visit the "New Rates" tab on our website at <https://www.carbonpower.com/new-rates>.

Per our bylaws we need to give 90 days' notice to the membership before implementing new rates. With the new rates notice first being published on December 1, 2025, they will go into effect on March 1, 2026.

If you have any questions on the new rates, please give us a call.

While it is important for me to inform you of the rate increases for next year, it happens to be that time of year where most of us are focused on the people and moments that matter most. As we are in the thick of the holiday season, I hope you are able to spend quality time with family and friends. I am on the go for the holidays this year. I was able to spend Thanksgiving with my boys down in Arizona; they are sure growing up too fast. For Christmas I'm headed to Missouri to see my mom, siblings, nieces and nephews. While I'm there I'll also have the opportunity to reconnect with some old friends as well. Whatever you find yourself doing this holiday season, may it bring you happiness and warmth.

Please keep in mind that we are available 24/7 despite any holiday closures through our after-hours dispatch service which can be reached by calling our main phone number – (307) 326-5206.

- Jim

Member Statistics Report		Sept 2024	Sept 2025
<b>Financial</b>			
Total Utility Plant		\$61,459,228	\$64,345,709
Cost of Purchased Power		\$661,052	\$671,544
Expenses Less Power Cost		\$599,369	\$487,897
Tax & Interest Paid		\$77,634	\$79,894
Interest Received on Investments		\$21,660	\$11,038
<b>Energized Line &amp; Consumers</b>			
Miles of Energized Line		2,019	2,031
Consumers Per Mile		3.3	3.3
<b>Meters</b>			
Total Meters		6,733	6,778
Residential/Rural		5,557	5,603
Irrigation		55	55
Large Power/Commercial		1,072	1,072
Other		49	48
<b>kWh Usage</b>			
Total kWh		8,175,963	7,952,763
Residential/Rural		2,566,940	2,576,411
Irrigation		196,404	132,356
Large Power/Commercial		5,242,682	5,079,811
Other		169,937	164,185
<b>Averages</b>			
Avg. Residential kWh Used		462	460
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill		\$85	\$98

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.\*Michael McGehee\* 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 Jim Beckmann

**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: [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

To maximize your fireplace's efficiency, always keep the damper closed when the fireplace is not in use. An open damper is like an open window, allowing warm indoor air to escape and cold air to enter. Consider installing a fireplace insert, which improves heat output by circulating warm air into the room rather than letting it escape up the chimney. Also, burn only seasoned hardwood to ensure a hotter, cleaner burn. Regularly clean and inspect your chimney to maintain safe and efficient operation.

*Source: energy.gov*





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CARBON POWER & LIGHT PRESENTS



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more information at:**  
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**800-359-0249**

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## **WE WANT TO SEND YOU TO THE GLEN EDEN RESORT!**

### **Reasons to attend the camp:**

- ♦ Meet new friends at Glen Eden Resort.
- ♦ Fun activities: ride the gondola to the top of Mt. Werner, shopping in Steamboat Springs, river rafting and swimming to name a few.
- ♦ You **may** be selected to attend the NRECA's Youth Tour in Washington DC the following year! (also free)
- ♦ Tour a Power Plant in the area.
- ♦ Learn about electric cooperatives and legislative processes.
- ♦ Learn how to form and operate your own cooperative at the camp.

### **Applications are due: January 30, 2026!**

High school Sophomores and Juniors who are 16 years old or older can apply for this opportunity to spend a week in beautiful Clark, Colorado. Camp expenses are paid by Carbon Power! (except personal "shopping" money)

Attendees will be chosen based on their application, 2 letters of reference and a one-page letter explaining why they would like to attend the camp.

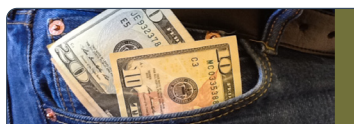
The applicant's parent or guardian must receive electricity from Carbon Power & Light to qualify.

**Send completed forms and letters to:** Carbon Power & Light, Box 579, Saratoga, WY 82331 **or** email to: [spatterson@carbonpower.com](mailto:spatterson@carbonpower.com)



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#### **CARBON POWER & LIGHT**

Office Hours

MAY - SEPTEMBER

Monday - Thursday • 7 AM - 5:30 PM

OCTOBER - APRIL

Monday - Friday • 8 AM - 4:30 PM

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