



# CARBON LIGHT LINES

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CLAY THOMPSON  
District 3 Director

## Board Actions AUGUST 2025

Approved the  
Department  
Production and  
Financial Reports.

Approved the Tri-  
State Settlement Offer  
ER24-2171 A-41 Rate.

Approved CFC Director  
Candidate Ryan  
Schilreff for District 7.



*Pictured : Tom Westring, Garrett  
Ricketts and Jim Rogers*

**Garrett Ricketts,** an employee with Carbon Power & Light, Inc. has successfully completed one of the world's most comprehensive training programs for power line personnel. The Merchant Job Training and Safety Program (MJTS) is administered to line personnel in more than 40 states throughout the United States. Garrett Ricketts and the support staff at Carbon Power &

Light can be proud of their accomplishment. Each utility has an acting Training Corridinator assisting their Trainees by administering "closed book" testing. The cordinators manage their own people throughout the training process from rules set by the MJTS and the statewide association. Congratulations to Garrett Ricketts, who can look forward to a very rewarding life long occupation.

### **Carbon Power & Light, Inc.**

wishes you and  
your family a  
wonderful and  
safe Thanksgiving  
Holiday!

**Our office will be  
closed November  
27 and 28, 2025.**



## ***Member-Owned Service - Proud***



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



Well we've all heard of history repeating itself. I'm afraid that's the case again this month. Twelve months ago my predecessor, Russell, wrote of the need for a rate increase. Unfortunately that's the same message I'm delivering again this month. We're looking at an approximately 6.53% rate increase from our power supplier. We have no choice but to pass that on. Currently our rate consultant, C. H. Guernsey, is analyzing a pass-through rate increase for us. For the typical residential (general service) account there will be an increase in the price of the kilowatt hours you purchase. For accounts with both kilowatt hour components and demand components, there will be an increase to both.

Last year Russell also wrote about the need to implement a demand charge across all accounts to better offset the demand charges we see from our power supplier. This year we have purchased and begun deploying meters capable of registering and displaying demand charges for our general service accounts. Once we have installed demand meters for all of our general service accounts we will

begin displaying the registered demand on your bills. The demand will be displayed for a period of time before a charge will ever be implemented. This will allow you to see what your demand looks like and also to allow you to take steps to better understand it as well as manage it.

For those of you interested in monitoring your usage and demand, you are able to do so through SmartHub; both available online and through an app you can install on any mobile device. You can register or sign in to SmartHub at <https://carbonpower.smarthub.coop/ui/#/login> on your computer or download it to your mobile device through the AppStore or Google Play. Not only does SmartHub allow you to monitor your usage, you can also use it to view and pay your bill. In addition you can sign up for the Auto Pay Program through SmartHub.

If you have any questions regarding your current bill, future rates or accessing & using SmartHub, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help. Also, as we know what the final rate increase is going to look like, we will take the necessary measures to inform the membership. Finally, I apologize for the bad news about increasing rates. Please know that we do all that we can to keep our rates as low as possible while continuing to deliver safe and reliable electricity. As always, thank you for taking the time to read the WREN.

Jim

| Member Statistics Report              |  | Sept 2024    | Sept 2025    |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Financial</b>                      |  |              |              |
| Total Utility Plant                   |  | \$61,459,228 | \$63,954,761 |
| Cost of Purchased Power               |  | \$661,052    | \$692,993    |
| Expenses Less Power Cost              |  | \$599,369    | \$632,653    |
| Tax & Interest Paid                   |  | \$77,634     | \$73,296     |
| Interest Received on Investments      |  | \$21,660     | \$73,274     |
| <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        | 6,770        |
| Residential/Rural                     |  | 5,557        | 5,599        |
| Irrigation                            |  | 55           | 55           |
| Large Power/Commercial                |  | 1,072        | 1,068        |
| Other                                 |  | 49           | 48           |
| <b>kWh Usage</b>                      |  |              |              |
| Total kWh                             |  | 8,175,963    | 8,663,906    |
| Residential/Rural                     |  | 2,566,940    | 2,791,632    |
| Irrigation                            |  | 196,404      | 445,577      |
| Large Power/Commercial                |  | 5,242,682    | 5,262,108    |
| Other                                 |  | 169,937      | 164,589      |
| <b>Averages</b>                       |  |              |              |
| Avg. Residential kWh Used             |  | 462          | 499          |
| Avg. Residential/Rural Bill           |  | \$85         | \$104        |

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.\*Douglas Youngberg\* 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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 Edited by Jim Beckmann

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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Roger Cox         | Shae Johnson      | Joe Devine        |
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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

With the holiday season approaching and more time spent in the kitchen, consider ways to save energy in the heart of your home. When possible, cook meals with smaller, energy efficient appliances, such as toaster ovens, slow cookers and air fryers. When using the range, match the size of the pan to the heating element. Keep range-top burners and reflectors clean so they reflect heat more efficiently. After your holiday meals are complete, load the dishwasher fully before starting the wash cycle.

*Source: energy.gov*





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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.

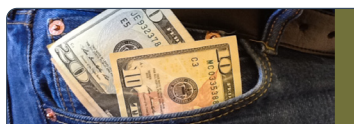
The applicant's parent or guardian must receive electricity from Carbon Power & Light to qualify.

**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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Monday - Thursday • 7 AM - 5:30 PM

OCTOBER - APRIL

Monday - Friday • 8 AM - 4:30 PM

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