

Carbon Light Lines

September 2011

JULY 2011

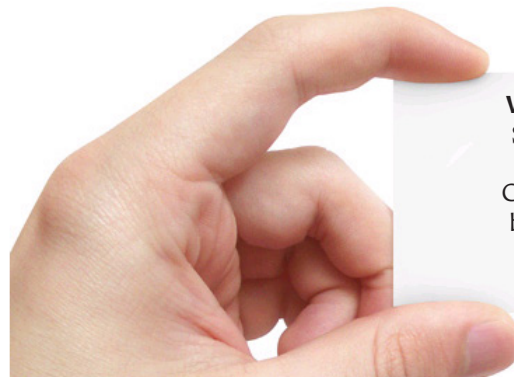
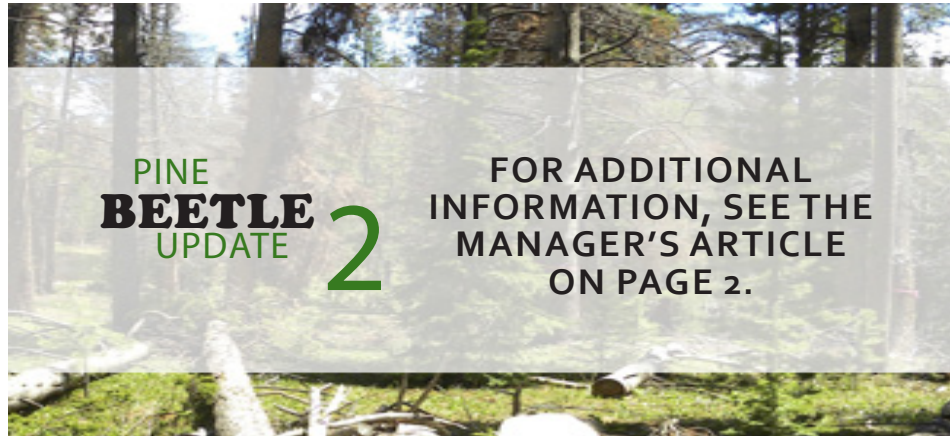
BOARD ACTIONS



GARY JACOBSEN

DIRECTOR FOR DISTRICT I

- Approved Department Production and Financial Reports.
- Approved Policy 1-10 *Loss Control Management* and Policy 4-8 *Education for Employees*.
- Approved Schmidt & Company's Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements dated June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011 and the Audit Agreement.
- Approved the Work Order Inventory #489 in the amount of \$125,486.43.
- Approved the RUS 10 Year *Financial Forecast & Loan Application*.
- Approved the RUS WY21 X8 Loan Resolutions 11-07 *Requesting Guaranteed Federal Financing Bank (FFB) Loan*.
- Approved the RUS WY21 X8 Loan Resolution 11-08 *Approving of the Ten-Year Financial Forecast*.



WINTER OFFICE HOURS
Starting October 3, 2011
through May 4, 2011
Carbon Power & Light will
be open Monday - Friday
8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

It's Time

ATTENTION STORAGE HEAT USERS:

Make sure your time clocks on your Electric Thermal Storage Heaters are set properly to avoid charging during "on-peak" hours.

September 1st

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL
CARBON POWER & LIGHT

PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE

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24
Hours a Day
It's fast, easy, and secure.

CARBON POWER & LIGHT
WILL BE CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 5, 2011
FOR
LABOR DAY

"RESIDENTIAL RATES TEND TO RUN HIGHER"

From the Manager ~ *Charles Larsen*



*Member Owned
Service Proud*



Bark Beetle Clearing Project: After waiting for ground conditions to improve from the extensive winter snow pack and for final approval to start from the U.S. Forest Service, Carbon's power line clearing contractor, Platte Valley Forest Management, is now well underway on the power line clearing project. Clearing commenced in the Lake Creek area and the contractor is working his way toward the Keystone area. Carbon's crews have been working ahead of the contractor and marking the trees to be cleared within the power line right of way, along with those trees that are adjacent to the right of way that may impact the power line. Please give us a call if you have questions about the marked trees. Our original hope was to complete this project within a two year period and even though we ended 2010 well ahead of schedule, the late spring and lingering wet conditions within the forest delayed our start up.

This month's Question/Comment from the Member-Owner survey:

The survey responses contained several comments on rates:

- *"Rates seem high compared to other companies."*
- *"Rates are very high compared to Cheyenne Light Fuel and Power, and "Pine Bluff Power".*
- *"I have heard that Saratoga residents pay substantially more for electricity than many of our Wyoming Communities...I would like a break down".*
- *"I am concerned by CP&L's high rates compared to other electricity providers".*

Response:

These are very pertinent questions and comments especially in today's economy when everyone is watching their finances very closely. It also, shows that Carbon's Member-Owners are taking the time to monitor and analyze the operation of their Cooperative.

Across the nation, Rural Electric Cooperative rates tend to run higher than the rates of our Investor-Owned or Municipal Utility counterparts. This is primarily due to the nature of our service territories. Where Investor-Owned and Municipal Utilities serve a very concentrated and high density customer bases, Rural Electric Cooperatives such as Carbon serve the sparsely populated and rural portions of the nation...quite frankly these were areas that the Investor-Owned Utilities refused to provide service to due to their lack of potential profitability. This was also the reason for the Rural Electrification Act implemented by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935 which provided the opportunity for the un-served rural areas of America to gain access to electrical service. Today...customer density in many of these rural areas remains at low levels. In Carbon's case we have an average of 3.3 Member-Owners per mile to spread our operating costs over. Our neighboring Investor-Owned Utility on the other hand is closer to 30 customers per mile. Even within Wyoming's Cooperative Family there are distinct differences...in Carbon's case, up to last year we were primarily rural/residential in nature...with a growing class of seasonal customers, while in other areas of Wyoming some of our fellow Cooperatives were seeing significant growth in large industrial Member-Owners. Late last year, Carbon was fortunate enough to complete an electrical service for a large natural gas compression station near Arlington...which doubled our system electrical load. We anticipate that this load will assist us in stabilizing Carbon's portion of your rate (we may have increases in the wholesale component of our rate in the near future). In comparing our rates to other Rural Electrics, I went on line to the Wyoming Public Service Commission website and under the "Electric" heading, I looked at the "Utility Rate Comparison" section (something that we share with your elected Board Members on a periodic bases and which is something that all of you that are computer savvy can do anytime). Currently, out of 16 Rural Electric Associations (really the only utilities that we can actually compare to) within the state, Carbon is currently the sixth highest in the state. I will admit we weren't always that way...for many years we were in the top three. But improvements in our operation, new loads and changes that have impacted our fellow Cooperatives have lowered us in the ranking.

Stay tuned for more survey questions and comments from our Member-Owners next month!

Chuck



RECAPPING THE 70TH ANNUAL MEETING

Carbon Power & Light held the 70th Annual Meeting of the Membership on June 25, 2011 at the Platte Valley Community Center in Saratoga. 165 Member-Owners registered and approximately 310 enjoyed a smoked BBQ in lunch, bingo and door prizes.

Displays filled the corridor of the building that were designed to educate the Member-Owners about energy efficiency, 811 services (Call before you Dig service), WildBlue, etc. Various other products and services were demonstrated by several of the Employees for the benefit of the Member-Owners.

Directors who had expired terms were re-elected by the Membership to serve another three year term. Those Directors were Incumbent Laurie Forster serving District 1; Incumbent Robert Johnson serving District 2; and Incumbent Director Clay Thompson serving District 3.

Scholarship and Employee service recognitions were made by the Board President and General Manager.

Throughout the meeting, Member-Owners that were present for the meeting were awarded billing credits, 4-H beef packages and many other miscellaneous door prizes that were provided for by the Cooperative's suppliers.

A couple of lucky Member-Owners names were drawn for the larger door prizes which were: a \$50 bill reducer (Corri Sandoval); a 37" LG Flat Screen Samsung TV (George Hood); and \$400 cash draw (a progressive drawing) would have been awarded to Mark J. Pearson, but he was not present at the meeting. The progressive cash draw will increase to \$500 for the 2012 Annual Meeting which is scheduled for June 23rd at the Platte Valley Community Center in Saratoga WY at 10:30 A.M.

Energy CAMPERS Return

Daniel Kerbs

Daniel participated in the Youth Leadership Camp in July. Daniel had a great time learning about rural electricity and networking with other students across the country.



Thomas Koenig

Thomas participated in the Youth Energy Camp and felt he gained beneficial skills that he could use towards school, activities and in life. Thomas said the camp was both entertaining and educational.



The Youth Energy Camp is for High School Sophomores and Juniors and focuses on electrical safety demonstrations, career opportunities and a raptor protection program featuring several live birds. If you or someone you know may be interested in attending next year's Energy Camp, contact Carbon Power & Light.

Member Statistics Report	June - 2010	June - 2011
Total Utility Plant	\$32,953,622	\$34,841,142
Cost of Purchased Power	\$471,788	\$1,031,217
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$396,801	\$431,678
Tax and Interest Paid	\$55,181	\$49,598
Interest Received on Investments	\$10,397	\$17,519
Miles of Energized Line	1,869	1,893
Consumers Per Mile	3.3	3.3
Total Meters	6,159	6,158
Residential/Rural	3,878	3,825
Residential/Seasonal	1,495	1,581
Large Power/Commercial	687	656
Other	99	96
Total kWh Used	6,817,767	15,668,091
Residential/Rural	2,344,576	2,388,072
Residential/Seasonal	245,153	259,139
Large Power/Commercial	3,649,785	12,266,781
Other	578,253	754,0999
Average Residential kWh Used	605	624
Average Residential/Rural Bill	\$86	\$88
Average Seasonal kWh Used	164	164
Average Seasonal Bill	\$47	\$47

Carbon welcomes any comments or questions consumers may have. If you have a question on any part of the cooperative business, please write the cooperative and we will see that your question is answered. Any comments or questions can be addressed to Carbon Power & Light, Inc. PO Box 579, Saratoga, WY 82331, ATTN Newsletter. *Dan Izzo*

Visit our website at www.carbonpower.com

Edited by Charles Larsen

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 at 1-307-326-5206 or 800-359-0249.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Gary Jacobsen – Secretary

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DISTRICT 2

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Kenny Curry

DISTRICT 3

Dick Clifton

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For online bill pay, go to www.carbonpower.com or by ACH.

For more information please call the billing department.

REMEMBER you can pay your bill at the following locations.

First National Bank
21st & Grand
Laramie, WY 82070

Rawlins National Bank
202 5th St.
Rawlins, WY 82301

Bank of the West
302 N. 1st
Saratoga, WY 82331

WANTED

INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF A PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR VANDALIZING COOPERATIVE OWNED EQUIPMENT

\$500 REWARD

TO REPORT AN INCIDENT CALL: THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR CARBON POWER & LIGHT AT 326-5206 OR 800-359-0249

Find your name in "asterisks" somewhere in this newsletter & you can claim a \$10 bill reducer by calling Carbon Power & Light.

OFFICE HOURS

MAY - SEPTEMBER

Monday - Thursday

7 AM - 5:30 PM

OCTOBER - APRIL

Monday - Friday

8 AM - 4:30 PM

