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Carbon Light Lines

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December 2014



KENNY CURRY
District 2 Director

Board Actions October 2014

Approved Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved the purged amount of the Deceased Patron Capital Credits in the amount of \$150,987.56.

Approved the October 2014 electrical write-offs in the amount of \$4,489.81.

*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year*

Carbon Power & Light will be closed December 25th and January 1st for the holidays.

To report an outage, call our office at 326.5206 or 800.359.0249 - 24/7/365.



2015 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp

In July, 90 high school students from Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Kansas and Oklahoma will travel to Clark, Colorado (north of Steamboat Springs, CO.) to participate at the Colorado Electric Educational Institute Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. This camp offers a great opportunity to learn first-hand what it's like to be involved in a cooperative, to learn about careers and politics, and to become educated about today's pressing issues.

In addition to the leadership training, last year's students enjoyed two touring days that included a gondola ride at Mr. Werner, a rafting trip down the Colorado River, a visit to the Fish Creek Falls, shopping in Steamboat Springs and an intimate view of the Craig Power Plant and Trapper Mine.

All expenses and transportation costs are paid by Carbon Power & Light. Applicants must be 16 years of age at the time of the Youth Camp. Deadline to submit an application is February 2, 2015.

Apply Now
Contact Us!

Call Carbon's Member Service's Department at 326-5206 or 800-359-0249 for an application or for more information.



Debbie Riechert

DIRECTOR OF OFFICE SERVICES



Carbon Power & Light Members have many convenient payment methods to pay their monthly electric bill!

Did you know

that Carbon Power and Light (Carbon) offers our Member/Owners many convenient payment options for their monthly billings?

We have the traditional, writing a check and sending in the mail or dropping off at our headquarters facility at 100 E. Willow in Saratoga. Of course cash is always accepted in person.

Carbon also provides drop boxes at our headquarters building, Encampment Town Hall or Rock River at our shop facility at 405 Thompson. American National Bank (ANB), formally known as Capital West Bank, located at 3908 Grand Avenue in Laramie, will accept payments on our behalf for your electric bills. Rawlins National Bank (RNB) at 220 5th Street in Rawlins will also accept our payments similar to ANB. For the service at ANB or RNB, we request that you have your account number and/or billing stub with your payment.

Carbon also can take credit card and check payments via telephone at 800-359-0249 or 307-326-5206.

You can sign up for our electronic payment transfer program that will automatically debit your checking or savings account or credit/debit card on the 15th of each month. With

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this program you need to call us and paperwork will be sent to you authorizing Carbon to complete the transaction.

For those Member/Owners who prefer the digital world Carbon also provides our E-Bill program which enables the Member/Owner to pay with credit cards and bank account debits. The Member/Owner may sign into our website, @ www.carbonpower.com; then click on the E-Bill program located on the left sidebar of

the web page. You will then need to register to use this program. You will be asked for your account number, name and/or business name, an email address and a password of 4 to 10 characters. Registering one billing account will display all of your accounts on the payment page. Once you have completed the initial registration, you can

pay your monthly billings, monitor or compare previous monthly usage on your account(s) and/or request that no paper bill(s) be sent to you. If you request no monthly billing statement be sent, you can still see your bill in the E-Bill system.

With this service you can also estimate what your billing might be should you decide to add a new appliance, heating system, etc. You can also see your capital credit history.

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As technology evolves we will keep you up to date on these programs. As always should you have any questions please feel free to contact us.



PREPARE A **WINTER** SURVIVAL KIT

Did you know?

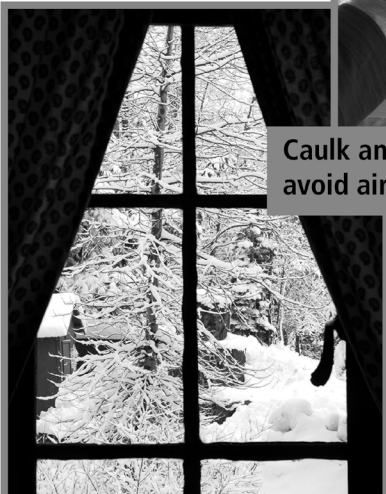
Heating your home accounts for up to 48 percent of your utility bill.

A few tips to help you save:

Clean or replace your furnace filter once a month (or as recommended).



Caulk and seal windows to avoid air leaks.



Keep draperies and shades open during the day and closed at night.



Severe winter storms often bring heavy accumulation of ice and snow, which can lead to downed power lines and extended outages. Carbon Power & Light's crews will work hard to restore power, but having a winter survival kit on hand is a smart idea.

- **Food:** Store food that does not require cooking, such as canned goods, crackers, dehydrated meats and dried fruit. Keep a large supply of water on hand. Ready.gov recommends five gallons per person.
- **Medication:** Be sure to refill all prescriptions in the event of a major power outage.
- **Identification:** Keep all forms of identification handy, such as driver's licenses, photo IDs and social security cards. Bank account information and insurance policies are also good to have on hand.
- **Other items:** First Aid Kit, blankets, flashlight, battery-powered radio and extra batteries.
- **Stay warm and safe**

If an outage occurs, you should plan for an alternate heating source. A fireplace, propane space heater or wood-burning stove would be sufficient. Fuel and wood-burning heating sources should always be vented, and make sure carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are working properly. Always practice extreme caution when using alternate heating sources.

Follow these tips, and your family will stay warm in the event of a power outage. For more information on preparing for winter storms, visit Carbon's website at www.carbonpower.com or www.ready.gov.

Abby Berry writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Visit www.energy.gov for more ways to save!

Member Statistics Report	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2014
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$37,443,767	\$39,104,688
Cost of Purchase Power	\$768,462	\$532,207
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$359,152	\$407,695
Tax & Interest Paid	\$50,990	\$51,229
Interest Received on Investments	\$2,083	\$14,592
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	1,922	1,930
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
Meters		
Total Meters	6,246	6,097
Residential/Rural	3,441	3,290
Residential/Seasonal	1,578	1,567
Large Power/Commercial	1,120	1,135
Other	107	105
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	10,951,960	6,966,375
Residential/Rural	1,935,835	1,898,360
Residential/Seasonal	253,628	282,328
Large Power/Commercial	8,434,950	4,500,246
Other	327,547	285,441
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	602	577
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$88	\$92
Avg. Seasonal kWh Used	161	180
Avg. Seasonal Bill	\$47	\$53

Carbon welcomes any comments or questions members 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. P.O. Box 579, Saratoga, WY 82331, ATTN: Newsletter.

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 day or night at 307.326.5206 or 800.359.0249.

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For online bill pay or ACH: www.carbonpower.com
 For more information, please call the billing dept.

REMEMBER you can pay your bill at the following locations:

Rawlins National Bank	First National Bank	Bank of the West
202 5th St	21st & Grand	302 N. 1st St.
Rawlins, WY	Laramie, WY	Saratoga, WY



As part of Carbon's commitment to the communities that we serve, we have donated \$1,000 to the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots Program and \$1,000 to the Platte Valley Giving Tree in lieu of holding a formal Christmas dinner for our Employees and Directors. This is the third year that Carbon has made this donation. These non-profit organizations deliver Christmas gifts to needy children in our service territory.

Find Your Name Win a \$10 credit!

Look for your name somewhere in these four pages of the Carbon Light Lines in *astericks* and claim a \$10 credit on your electric bill by calling Carbon Power & Light.



Meet Lindsey Kawcak
 Carbon's new Billing Clerk

Lindsey started working for Carbon Power & Light on November 10, 2014 as Carbon's new Billing Clerk.

Lindsey has lived in Wyoming most of her life and is a former graduate of Encampment High School.

Before beginning her career with Carbon Power & Light, Lindsey was a sales representative for Wyoming Livestock Supply in Riverton, Wyoming.

Lindsey enjoys team roping, Texas country music and concerts.

Lindsey's long term goal is to "be happy and work hard".

Be sure to say hello to Lindsey the next time you stop by the office.



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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



They're out of sight, but don't forget about your air ducts. Taking care of them can save money and energy. Check ducts for air leaks. Take care of minor sealing jobs with heat-approved tape, especially in attics and in vented crawl spaces. Call the pros for major ductwork repairs.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

CARBON POWER & LIGHT

Office Hours

MAY - SEPTEMBER

Monday - Thursday ~ 7 AM - 5:30 PM

OCTOBER - APRIL

Monday - Friday ~ 8 AM - 4:30 PM

