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November 2014



Laurie Forster
District 1 Director

Board Actions September 2014

Approved Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved the three phase line upgrade and extension for the Pete Lien project.

Approved Resolution 14-01 for the 2014 Load Forecast Study.

Approved Policy 3-8 *Identity Theft Red Flags* as presented by Management and Staff.

Approved Work Order Inventory #511 in the amount of \$151,326.63.

Selected Director Jacobson as the voting delegate for CFC at the Region 7 meeting.

Find Your Name Win a \$10 credit!

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



2015 Scholarships AVAILABLE

GRADUATING 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.

Three scholarship opportunities are available to students whose parents or legal guardians receive electricity from Carbon Power & Light and are U.S. citizens.

CARBON POWER & LIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Six \$1,000 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) \$1,000 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 and click on "scholarships".

The application(s) must be postmarked or received on or before 4:30 p.m. Monday, February 2, 2015. For questions, please contact Marcy Knotwell, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at mknotwell@carbonpower.com or by calling 307.326.5206 or 800.359.0249.

Charles Larsen

GENERAL MANAGER'S COLUMN



CARBON POWER AND LIGHT NOW HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE, WHERE WE PROVIDE PERIODIC UPDATES ON COMPANY PROJECTS AND HAPPENINGS.

Pole Testing: In accordance with Rural Utilities Services (RUS) guidelines, Carbon Power and Light (Carbon) contracts with a company, "Power Pole Inspections" to test a percentage of our wood power poles each year. Because of our dry climate our wood poles tend to last a little longer than they do in most areas of the country, however some do decay over time and cause us problems. The testing process determines the power pole's strength and helps us complete preventive maintenance before problems arise. Although the testing of the pole is our primary focus there are several other functions completed by the contractor as well; 1) a visual inspection of the pole's hardware and any noted maintenance requirements, 2) a GPS mapping location of each pole and its equipment configuration and, 3) A company pole number is assigned to each pole and a tag is attached to each inspected pole. This year our inspectors have been focusing on the Hog Park area, along with our power lines that run north and west out of the Encampment area. They will finish up with our power lines that are located in the extreme west portion of our service area. So...if you see vehicles/ATV's signed with "Power Pole Inspections" those are associated with our inspecting contractor.

Social Media: For those of you who communicate via social media, Carbon Power and Light now has a Facebook page, where we provide periodic updates on Company projects and happenings. In the case of power outages, Carbon will also be providing update information on this site for outages that occur during normal working

hours. It's a great place to visit and stay abreast of your Cooperative's happenings.

New Substations: For those of you traveling between Saratoga and Encampment, you have been able to monitor the progress of our new "Crow" Substation which is being constructed near the east side of Hwy 230, just south of the 130/230 junction. This will be a great enhancement in our efforts to accommodate load growth and continue providing safe and reliable service in the Brush Creek and Ryan Park areas.

In the Laramie area, Carbon's Engineering Department has started the process of working with our wholesale power supplier "Tri-State" to establish a new transmission delivery point substation to serve the growing electrical needs in our service area west, north and south of Laramie.

Both of these substations have been included and monitored in our long range planning process for some time now and both have reached the point where their construction is warranted.

By the time this reaches you...you will be making your Thanksgiving plans and the beginning of the Holiday Season. Yes...it's that time again!

As always...thanks for being there for us.

Chuck



Your holiday wish list almost certainly doesn't include a trip to the hospital. A few tips to help you trim the tree, light up the house and relax by an open fire, without having to worry about injuries to you, the kids or your pets.

Tips to Avoid a Holiday

Decorating Disaster

this Season

Buying 101

Before buying a live Christmas tree, conduct a three-part stress test. A fresh tree has needles that resist being pulled off and do not snap when bent, a trunk bottom that's sticky with resin, and strong limbs that will drop just a few needles if shaken.

Christmas Trees Can't Take the Heat

Don't position a live Christmas tree next to fireplaces, heating ducts or radiators, nor place them where they block doorways or high-traffic areas. *Andrew Macclugage* Remember that artificial trees, even if they have a "Fire Resistant" label, can still go up in flames.

Hang Ornaments With Extra Care

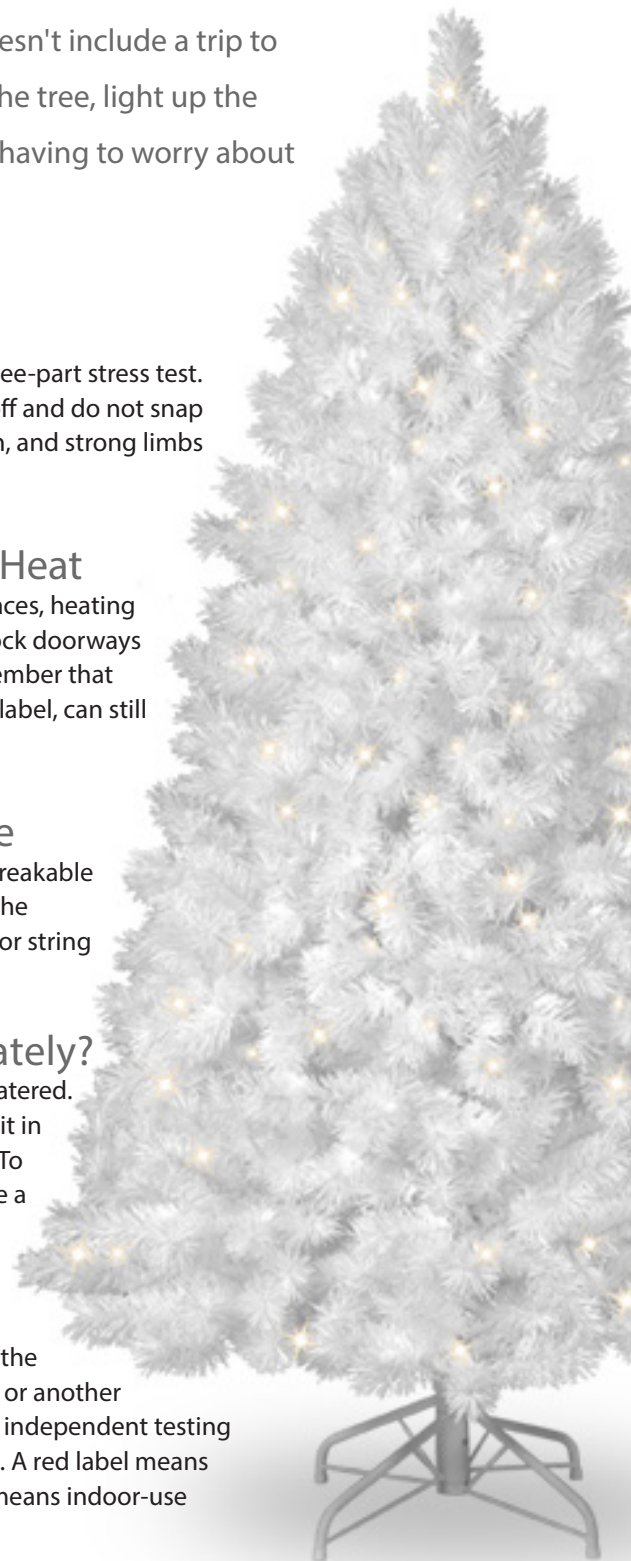
Keep child and pet safety in mind by placing unbreakable and non-toxic ornaments on the lowest areas of the Christmas tree. Replace metal hooks with ribbon or string to prevent choking and injury.

Have You Watered Your Tree Lately?

A dry tree will burn faster than one that's been watered. Check the water level of your tree daily and keep it in a vessel that can hold an adequate water supply. To test to see if your tree is sufficiently hydrated, give a branch a gentle tug and see if any needles break.

Do Your Lights Pass the UL Test?

Don't use holiday lights unless they have cleared the strict safety tests conducted by Underwriters Lab or another established testing facility. Lights checked by the independent testing company are marked with a holographic UL label. A red label means lights can be used indoors and out, while green means indoor-use only.



| Member Statistics Report | August 2013 | August 2014 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Financial | | |
| Total Utility Plant | \$37,296,347 | \$38,603,405 |
| Cost of Purchase Power | \$706,891 | \$613,763 |
| Expenses Less Power Cost | \$427,743 | \$415,976 |
| Tax & Interest Paid | \$48,320 | \$52,117 |
| Interest Received on Investments | \$2,121 | \$1,965 |
| Energized Line & Consumers | | |
| Miles of Energized Line | 1,922 | 1,930 |
| Consumers Per Mile | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Meters | | |
| Total Meters | 6,239 | 6,092 |
| Residential/Rural | 3,432 | 3,286 |
| Residential/Seasonal | 1,579 | 1,569 |
| Large Power/Commercial | 1,120 | 1,130 |
| Other | 108 | 107 |
| kWh Usage | | |
| Total kWh | 8,722,184 | 7,145,347 |
| Residential/Rural | 1,887,068 | 1,851,775 |
| Residential/Seasonal | 267,706 | 292,481 |
| Large Power/Commercial | 5,746,056 | 4,388,681 |
| Other | 721,354 | 612,410 |
| Averages | | |
| Avg. Residential kWh Used | 550 | 564 |
| Avg. Residential/Rural Bill | \$83 | \$91 |
| Avg. Seasonal kWh Used | 170 | 186 |
| Avg. Seasonal Bill | \$48 | \$54 |



New Employee

TRIST COFFIN is Carbon Power & Light's new Journeyman Lineman in Laramie. Trist is a Wyoming native and resides in Laramie with his wife Melisa and two daughters, Jairah and Jalynn.

Trist enjoys golf, hunting, shooting and reloading.

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| DISTRICT 1 | DISTRICT 2 | DISTRICT 3 |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Gary Jacobsen | Robert J. Johnson | Dick Clifton |
| Laurie Forster | Jerry Rabidue | Clay Thompson |
| Dan Hodgkiss | Kenny Curry | Jim Rogers |

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 |



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Carbon Power & Light wishes you and your family a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

There is so much to be thankful for and we thank you for everything that you do.

Our office will be closed November 27-28, 2014 for the holiday.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

facebook

Recently, Carbon Power & Light launched a Facebook page.

By following Carbon Power & Light on **Facebook**, Members will have access to critical information regarding widespread outages.

When Members 'Like' our page, along with outage information, they'll also learn about everything from important safety information to energy-efficiency news to upcoming Cooperative programs and events.



Energy Efficiency *Tip of the Month*

To save energy this month, try lowering your water heating costs. Water heating accounts for 14 to 25 percent of the energy you consume. Turn the water heater's temperature to the warm setting, which is around 120 degrees Fahrenheit. This will save energy – and help you save on your monthly bill.

Source: Dept. 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

