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May 2015



DANIEL HODGKISS
District 1 Director

Board Actions March 2015

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved hiring the Director of Engineering, Mr. Russell Waldner as the General Manager beginning May 15, 2015.

Approved the Electrical and WildBlue write-offs in the amount of \$3,255.57.

Approved the Capital Credits for the Deceased Patrons in the amount of \$41,674.69.

General Manager *Charles Larsen*

As we have done in the past, the main focus of this newsletter is to solicit your assistance in helping us contact the individuals whose names are included within, for the purpose of returning to them their share of the capital credits paid out by the Cooperative. If you

know the whereabouts of any of these former Member-Owners please give us a call or contact the individual and have them call us. It will be most appreciated.

Thanks for being there for us.

Chuck



◦ RETIREMENT ANNOUNCED

Chuck Larsen retires after 36 years!

Charles A. Larsen, General Manager for Carbon Power & Light will officially retire July 1, 2015 after a 36 year cooperative career.

Following a four-year career in the United States Air Force as a medical technician in Madrid, Spain and Gila Bend, Arizona, Chuck began his career as an Apprentice Lineman in Saratoga, WY,

where he hired on with Carbon in 1979.

Chuck was employed for 13 years as an Apprentice Lineman, a Journeyman Lineman, a Staking Engineer, the Superintendent of Engineering and Director of Engineering before assuming the role as the General Manager in 1992.

Through the years, Chuck has had to face numerous challenges facing the Cooperative and has had to make difficult decisions. Throughout it all, those decisions have proven to be sound in this ever changing industry.

Chuck's leadership and service for the Cooperative

Member-Owners has been tremendous. His dedication to Carbon Power & Light and the entire electric cooperative network will certainly be missed.

The Board of Directors, Employees and Staff wish to thank Chuck for his many years of dedicated service to the Cooperative and it's membership.



**CARBON POWER & LIGHT
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MEMORIAL DAY**

1979-1984
Apprentice/
Journeyman
Lineman

1984-1985
Engineering
Technician
1986-1988
Staking
Engineer

1988-1989
Superintendent
of Engineering
1989-1992
Director of
Engineering

1992-2015
Interim
Manager
followed by
the General
Manager



Searching

We are currently searching for a number of Member-Owners that had service with us for whom we've attempted to send capital credit checks to but were returned undeliverable. If you recognize anyone on this list or are the heir of their estate, please contact us. Thank you.

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| Acre, Randy | Brimmer, John G. | Coon, Tom & Chris | Edmond, Bill | Grabowski, Alice |
| Adams, Nancy | Britt, Britain | Cooper, Ethel E | Elk Mt Trading Co. | Graves, Michael D. |
| Adams, Shaun | Brookey, Carl F. | Cordiner, Marcy | Elkhorn Motel | Grove, Raymond |
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| Andersen, Chris | Burger, Chuck | Craig, Charles & Paula | Entsminger, Lois | Haggerty, George |
| Anderson, Catherine | Burke, John J | Crane, Harris L. | Erickson, Arne | Hall, Russell E. |
| Anderson, Dixie | Burnett, Muriel | Cranston, Charles | Erickson, Ellen | Hammack, Carrie |
| Anderson, Marina | Bury, James L. | Craven, Floyd & Sue | Estate of Tom T Craig | Hammel, Ron |
| Anderson, Odes F | Butler, Ralph | Crawford, James | Federer, Rose | Handy, Tim |
| Anderson, Robert D. | Butler, Steven | Cronk, L. J. | Fennell, Jessie | Hansen, Tom R |
| Angelos, George | BWBA INC | Crow, Anne C | Ferguson, Marty G | Harbick, Terry L. |
| Arrendondo, Nicholas V. | Cady, Louie E. | Crowner, Donna | Ferguson, James H. | Harmony Cemetery |
| Attwood, Laura | Calvert, Eugene | Cruse, Ruth C. | Fiala, James | Harnett, Dennis |
| Augustin, Walter | Carlisle, Nettie | Cruz, John | Fields, Susan | Harper, Jane |
| Augustine, David | Carroll, Neal | Cupp, Jay | Fisher, Louise | Harris, Dora |
| Avila, Lisa | Casner, Floyd | Dahl, Gardar G. Jr. | Fitzgerald, Bernard J. | Harris, Robert |
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| Bashor, Eugene S | Centurylink | Dastarke, Dawn | Ford, Clay | Hathaway, Robert P. |
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| Bennett, Thomas E | Clough, Francis B. | Desrocher, Kent R. | Fresquez, Leo | Hermann, Lindall |
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| Bonner, James B | Conner, Patricia | Dukes, Jerald E. | Getz, Paul | Holyfield, Robert |
| Bottom, Walter R. | Conrad, Mark | Eacret, Kurt | Gibbs, Milton | Horgan, Brian |
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| Bray, William J | Coolbaugh, Rhonda | Edison Development | Goolsby, Janet | Hulme, Robert E. |

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| Hunter, Frank | Lessenden, Mardell | Nelson, Sharie L. | Sabin, Paula J. | The Flying S Ranch, LLC |
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| Huset, Jerome | Lilley, Clay | Nerland, Mike | Sanders, Jerry | Thielbar, Jeff |
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| James, Gail | Martha Wollbrink Trust | Patrick, Ronald | Schrock, Debbie | Vance, Michele |
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| Johnson, Margaret E | McCarty, Hershiehl | Payne, Mike | Schwartz, Herman | Vickers, Randy |
| Johnson, Victor | McClelland, William H. | Peitersen, M. & L. | Seahorn, Terry | Vigil, ES & RM Gomez |
| Johnson, Duane | McCoy, Ray | Pelto, Maurice S. | Seamon, Irving | Vliem, Doug |
| Johnson, Gale O. | McGlothlin, Scott | Perdue, Mike | Sencabaugh, Steve | VX Ranch |
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| Jones, James W | McKee, Dave | Peterson, Earl | Shults, Jesse | Walker, Larry |
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Increase Your Odds

Be Prepared for Severe Storms

Severe storms are more common in the spring and summer, but they can occur any time of year. Make sure you are prepared for a storm and know how to stay safe

Assemble a kit of essentials, like water, battery-operated flashlights and radios. Keep a list of emergency phone numbers that includes Carbon Power & Light. Be prepared for the possibility of a prolonged outage due to power line and electric equipment damage.

During an outage, switch off lights and appliances to prevent overloading circuits and damaging appliances when power is restored. Leave one lamp or switch on as a signal for when your power returns.

If severe weather is on its way, pay attention to local weather reports and recommendations. A tornado or severe storm watch means that conditions are favorable for those weather conditions forming. A warning means that dangerous weather conditions are developing and imminent.

Lightning can travel up to ten miles away from a storm, so seek shelter as soon as you hear thunder.

If caught outside, stay away from downed power lines and be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide an electrical hazard.

Assume that any dangling wires you encounter are energized and dangerous. Warn others to stay away and contact Carbon.

If you are driving and come upon a downed power line, stay in your vehicle, warn others to stay away and contact emergency personnel or Carbon. Also when

driving, be careful at intersections where traffic lights may be out. Stop at all railroad crossings, and treat road intersections with traffic signals as a four-way stop before proceeding with caution.

Before re-entering storm-damaged buildings or rooms, be sure all electric and gas services are turned off. Never attempt to turn off power at the breaker box if you must stand in water to do so. If you can't reach your breaker box safely, call Carbon to shut off power at the meter.

Never step into a flooded basement or other area if water is covering electrical outlets, appliances or cords. Be alert to any electrical equipment that could be energized and in contact with water. Never touch electrical appliances, cords or wires while you are wet or standing in water.

Do not use water damaged electronics until a qualified electrician has inspected them and ensured they are safe.

For more safety tips, go to www.safeelectricity.org.

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| Member Statistics Report | Feb. 2014 | Feb. 2015 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Financial | | |
| Total Utility Plant | \$37,602,741 | \$39,422,148 |
| Cost of Purchase Power | \$1,485,991 | \$944,069 |
| Expenses Less Power Cost | \$444,864 | \$378,113 |
| Tax & Interest Paid | \$57,297 | \$49,253 |
| Interest Received on Investments | \$2,080 | \$1,688 |
| Energized Line & Consumers | | |
| Miles of Energized Line | 1,927 | 1,934 |
| Consumers Per Mile | 3.1 | 3.2 |
| Meters | | |
| Total Meters | 6,040 | 6,100 |
| Residential/Rural | 3,248 | 3,268 |
| Residential/Seasonal | 1,568 | 1,611 |
| Large Power/Commercial | 1,121 | 1,117 |
| Other | 103 | 104 |
| kWh Usage | | |
| Total kWh | 18,547,001 | 11,939,536 |
| Residential/Rural | 3,679,583 | 3,275,248 |
| Residential/Seasonal | 397,556 | 367,085 |
| Large Power/Commercial | 14,152,225 | 8,005,348 |
| Other | 317,607 | 290,855 |
| Averages | | |
| Avg. Residential kWh Used | 1,133 | 1,002 |
| Avg. Residential/Rural Bill | \$128 | \$140 |
| Avg. Seasonal kWh Used | 254 | 228 |
| Avg. Seasonal Bill | \$62 | \$59 |

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
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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 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. |
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**EVERY MEMBER HAS A VOICE
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**Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month**

Summer is right around the corner! Have you changed your home's air filter? Filters get loaded with more and more particles as they do their job. This actually has the effect of making them more efficient, but it also increases resistance and reduces airflow. Remember to check filters once a month.

Source: EnergySavers.gov