



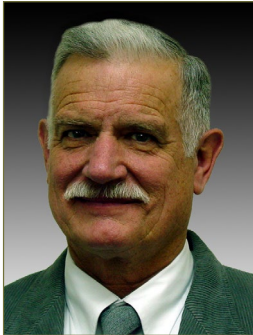
# Carbon Light Lines

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December 2016



DICK CLIFTON  
District 3 Director

## Board Actions OCTOBER 2016

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Resolution 16-05 as presented.

Approved Work Order Inventory #527 for \$92,163.09.

Elected Mr. Waldner voting delegate for Touchstone Energy.

Approved Electrical and Wild Blue Write- Off's in the amount of \$6,317.17.

Approved Deceased Patron Capital Credits in the amount of \$74,108.67.

Declined the option of a 12th Edition of the WREN magazine.

Approved the Union Negotiation terms for three years beginning January 2017.



## Apply Now



Up to six high school students will have the opportunity to meet other students from Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Kansas and Oklahoma in Clark, Colorado (north of Steamboat Springs, CO.) and participate in the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. This all expense paid trip by Carbon Power & Light is a great opportunity to learn first-hand what it's like to be involved in a cooperative, learn about the industry's careers, and politics while honing in on your leadership skills and building your self-confidence.

Students will enjoy two touring days that include a gondola ride at Mt. 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. Attendees have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to go on the Youth Tour as described on page 3.

Applicants must be 16 years of age at the time of the Youth Camp. Family must receive electric service from Carbon Power & Light. Camp is scheduled from Saturday, July 15th through July 20th 2017.

### WHERE CAN I GET AN APPLICATION?

Contact Carbon Power & Light or your school counselor for an application.

APPLICATION  
DEADLINE  
FEBRUARY 1, 2017



# Member-Owned Service Proud



[ RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER ]



RUSSELL WALDNER

The last two months I shared the information about the need for a rate increase. Now we have the preliminary information from the cost of service study from Guernsey, our rate consultant, and it appears we will need an overall rate increase of 6.55%. We will be reviewing and presenting this information to the Board. When the Board approves the rates we will notify you the Member-Owners through the WREN and local news outlets. We will continue our efforts to minimize any increase in rates while we maintain the reliability and quality of the electric service provided.

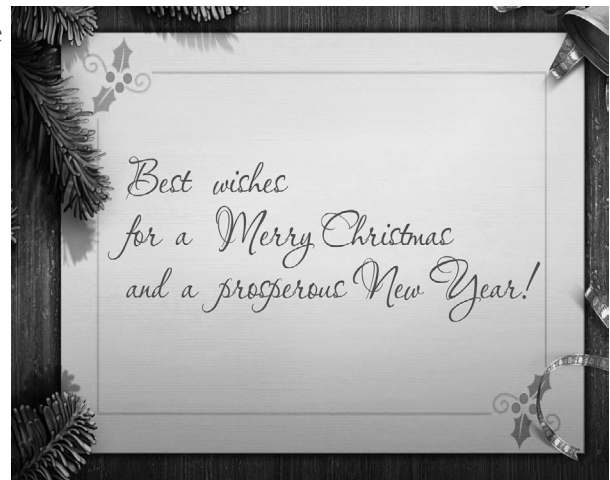
Carbon has not added an increase to our rates (in addition to our pass through of power costs) since 2014. The current cost of service study calls for Carbon to increase our rates 4.26% plus the pass through increase of 2.29% for a total of 6.55% previously noted. The 4.26% equates to a 2.13% annual increase since our last increase.

In reviewing my breakdown of this information it seems like a

breakdance. It is not my intent to dazzle and flail about, I just want to make sure you have the information to understand the impacts of our activities on our rates.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us.

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# Electric Cooperative Youth Tour

## Introduction

Every June over 1,700 high school students from towns and small cities in rural America spend a week in the nation's capital as part of the National Rural Electric Youth Tour. The students are sponsored by electric cooperatives – cooperatives who are committed to educating America's rural youth about America and the role electric cooperatives play in developing strong rural communities

Wyoming's electric cooperatives send about 10 students to Washington, D.C. Students who participate on the tour learn about electric cooperatives, American history and U.S. government. The Wyoming Rural Electric Association (WREA), in conjunction with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), organize the educational programs.

Wyoming Youth Tour participants will learn first-hand about America's heritage and experience the national government in action. From Denver, they fly to Washington where they attend educational seminars and visit with their representatives in the House and the Senate. Students also visit historic sites in Washington, D.C. – the Lincoln Memorial, \*Nellie F Sweet\* Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, and the Smithsonian, just to name a few.



Participating in the Youth Tour is a great way to learn about this great nation, develop leadership skills, gain a better understanding of electric cooperatives, and make friendships with people from across the state and country.

## Background

Senator Lyndon Johnson inspired the Youth Tour when he addressed the NRECA Annual Meeting in Chicago in 1957. The Senator declared, "If one thing goes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

Consequently, beginning in 1957, some of the Texas electric cooperatives sent groups of young people to Washington to work during the summer in Senator Johnson's office, to learn more about government in action. In 1958, rural electric cooperatives in Iowa sponsored the first group of 34 young people on a week-long study tour of the nation's capital. Later

that same year, another busload came to Washington from Illinois. The idea grew and other state sent busloads of young people throughout the summer. By 1959, the Youth Tour had grown to 159 youths.

In 1964, NRECA began to coordinate the program and suggested that co-op representatives from each state arrange to be in Washington, D.C. during Youth Tour week. The first year of the coordinated tour included approximately 400 young people from 12 states. The idea has continued to grow and today over 1,700 young people and chaperones participate in the Youth Tour every year.

Member Statistics Report	Sept 2015	Sept 2016
<b>Financial</b>		
Total Utility Plant	\$40,132,846	\$41,545,727
Cost of Purchase Power	\$501,279	\$541,635
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$406,146	\$452,916
Tax & Interest Paid	\$51,841	\$47,375
Interest Received on Investments	\$2,066	\$3,385
<b>Energized Line &amp; Consumers</b>		
Miles of Energized Line	1,945	1,965
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
<b>Meters</b>		
Total Meters	6,168	6,196
Residential/Rural	3,311	3,391
Residential/Seasonal	1,623	1,581
Large Power/Commercial	1,130	1,117
Other	104	107
<b>kWh Usage</b>		
Total kWh	6,709,328	7,328,502
Residential/Rural	1,868,328	1,987,825
Residential/Seasonal	292,785	294,819
Large Power/Commercial	4,209,529	4,738,714
Other	338,686	307,144
<b>Averages</b>		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	593	586
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$94	\$92
Avg. Seasonal kWh Used	188	187
Avg. Seasonal Bill	\$54	\$54



## TO CARBON POWER & LIGHT!



In June, Carbon Power & Light welcomed Trevor Larson as a new journeyman lineman. Trevor came to us from High Plains Power. Trevor brought with him his wife Hillary, daughter Shelly and son Ridge. Trevor went to Northwest Lineman College. He is from the smallest town in Star Valley, Grover WY.

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. Mail comments to Carbon Power & Light, Inc. P.O. Box 579, Saratoga, WY 82331, ATTN: Newsletter or email [info@carbonpower.com](mailto:info@carbonpower.com).

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 Edited by Joe Parrie

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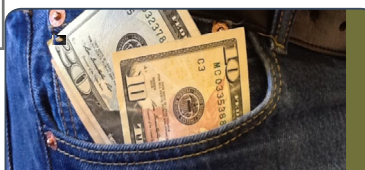
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