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# Carbon Light Lines

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



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JERRY RABIDUE  
District 2 Director

## Board Actions JANUARY 2016

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved to delegate Mr. Waldner as Carbon Power & Light, Inc.'s representative at Touchstone Energy Electronic Special Membership Meetings.

Approved changes to Policy 1-13, Financial Guidelines as amended by board, management and staff.

Approved selecting Director Hodgkiss as the voting delegate for WUES Annual Meeting and Director Thompson as the alternate.

Approved WPSC Tariff Sheet 15, Irrigation as amended by management and staff.

## board nominations.

CARBON POWER & LIGHT, INC.

### Nominations are being accepted for Carbon Power & Light's Board of Directors

As a Member-Owner of Carbon Power & Light, you're eligible to run for our Board of Directors. Our Board makes important decisions that impact our communities.

As an electric cooperative, Carbon Power & Light is guided by an elected Board of Directors who represent it's members' best interest when making important decisions. Being a member of the board is an incredibly important position in our community. A director's decisions will impact issues, such as service rates, rights-of-ways and work plans. This position holds great responsibility and requires men and women who understand their community's needs to serve in the best interest of the cooperative's membership.

As a Member-Owner of Carbon Power & Light, you are eligible to run for a seat on the board of your cooperative.

If you would like to submit your name as a candidate to the Nominating

Committee or inquire about more information, please contact Carbon Power & Light. Call 1.800.359.0249 or 307.326.5206 before April 11, 2016.

See page three for more information on what it means to be a qualified candidate.

### INCUMBENT DIRECTORS UP FOR RE-ELECTION THIS YEAR ARE:

**District 1**  
Daniel Hodgkiss

**District 2**  
Jerry Rabidue

**District 3**  
Dick Clifton



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## RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER

YOUR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE IS A MEMBER-OWNED, MEMBER-CONTROLLED, NONPROFIT ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVE.

*I hope you plan  
now so we can  
see you at our 75<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Meeting.*



***On Saturday June 25th 2016 Carbon Power & Light, Inc. (Carbon) will hold its 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.***

With 75 years of providing electric service to you our Member-Owners...that seems like an amazing feat and it is.

Let's consider some of the contributing factors to making that possible...we have served the same communities for that period of time with a few exceptions that were added. Looking around these communities we see the influence Carbon has had in building and maintaining them. At night you'll see street lights, brightly lit businesses, and distant farmsteads are visible with their lights. I always enjoy looking out at night from the Snowy Range Scenic Byway and see all that Carbon touches in all directions.

Do you think that our founding Directors could have planned for what we were able to accomplish over these 75 years? We continue to plan for our future using historic information and the advancement of technology...wouldn't those Directors have loved to look up their historic electric meter usage on their smart phone, tablet or computer and then plan purchases of efficient electrical equipment and make changes to improve their lives and reduce their electrical consumption? Who would have thought we could have blinding light for a tenth of the power it took to just have light, 75 years ago.

I will continue the efforts that have proven fruitful for Carbon over the past 75 years and strive to provide the same level of leadership that will send us into the next 75 years.



# How to Become a Board Candidate

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON CARBON POWER & LIGHT'S BOARD? GREAT! THE BOARD IS AN ENERGETIC GROUP OF FOLKS WHO WORK TOGETHER TO ASSIST AND ADVANCE THE COOPERATIVE.

**Here's what you need to know about becoming a Carbon Power & Light (Carbon) board candidate.**

**Qualifications:** To be an eligible Carbon candidate, the candidate must be a member-owner of the cooperative, must be a resident of the district they seek to represent, and a natural person. The candidate cannot be employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances

**Highlighted Responsibilities:** Carbon board members are expected to meet in person at Carbon's monthly board meetings, annual meetings, and/or special meetings. This equates to approximately 30 days a year that candidates would be committing himself or herself to.

Board members participate in board discussions, committees and programs advocating for Carbon's standards and goals.

Board members assist and work with other directors through attention to effective discussion during meetings.

Board members encourage effective appraisals of board performance that insure continuing and systematic attention to responsibilities concerning the present and future operational needs.

Board members accept and work with, or on, any committee or other special assignment.

Board members inform and advise the general manager on matters concerning the member's interest which may be brought to the attention of the board members.

Board members recognize the general manager as the operational official through whom all complaints, problems and other matters should be communicated when concerned with matters of the cooperative or its employees.

Board members should possess personal characteristics such as leadership in the community, have high integrity, high ethical standards and have respect for the community. Have the ability to exercise sound judgment and logical reasoning

**Terms:** A board member is elected to a three-year term. Terms are staggered to ensure continuity.

**Nominations:** Member-Owners may nominate themselves or another member-owner to serve on the board to the nominating committee on or before April 11, 2016. The nominating committee, in their sole discretion and by majority vote, shall have the authority to determine if the candidate is a

qualified nominee. If more than three candidates seek to represent the same district, the nominating committee shall select from those candidates that are the most likely to serve the interest of the cooperative and its members by a majority vote. If less than three candidates are nominated, and the nominations committee deems it necessary, they may request one or more additional nominees. If you would like to submit your name or the name of another member-owner as a candidate to the nominating committee, please contact:

Russell Waldner  
[rwaldner@carbonpower.com](mailto:rwaldner@carbonpower.com)  
1.800.359.0249 or 307.326.5206

**Deadline:** The deadline to submit a nomination is April 11, 2016.

**Elections:** Once the candidates are selected by the nominating committee and if more than one candidate is running in the same district, each member-owner vote by a mail-in ballot. Ballots are mailed in the June edition of the WREN Magazine.

**Annual Meeting of the Membership:** Directors and candidates are elected by a simple majority vote of returned ballots. Election results for new directors or re-election of incumbent directors are announced during the business meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on June 25, 2016 in Saratoga, WY.

For more information, call the office Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at 1.800.359.0249 or 307.326.5206.

Member Statistics Report	Dec. 2014	Dec. 2015
<b>Financial</b>		
Total Utility Plant	\$38,943,630	\$40,445,816
Cost of Purchase Power	\$832,632	\$825,080
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$339,034	\$358,239
Tax & Interest Paid	\$46,100	\$30,654
Interest Received on Investments	\$1,860	\$2,327
<b>Energized Line &amp; Consumers</b>		
Miles of Energized Line	1,931	1,947
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
<b>Meters</b>		
Total Meters	6,104	6,183
Residential/Rural	3,303	3,333
Residential/Seasonal	1,556	1,615
Large Power/Commercial	1,140	1,131
Other	105	104
<b>kWh Usage</b>		
Total kWh	10,746,842	10,759,924
Residential/Rural	3,939,905	4,226,508
Residential/Seasonal	425,871	512,433
Large Power/Commercial	6,051,851	5,698,965
Other	329,215	322,018
<b>Averages</b>		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	1,193	1,268
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$162	\$170
Avg. Seasonal kWh Used	274	317
Avg. Seasonal Bill	\$64	\$69



Valerie Remick is our new staff assistant...

Valerie has been with Carbon for 10 years working in office services. She has spent her time at Carbon with TWACS and billing. She moved to staff assistant on February 1st.

Valerie and her husband Jim own a small ranch outside of Encampment and spend their time raising beef cattle, Boer goats and Quarter horses.



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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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**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**

<u>DISTRICT 1</u>	<u>DISTRICT 2</u>	<u>DISTRICT 3</u>
Gary Jacobsen	Robert J. Johnson	Dick Clifton
Laurie Forster	Jerry Rabadue	Clay Thompson
Dan Hodgkiss	Kenny Curry	Jim Rogers

For online bill pay or ACH: [www.carbonpower.com](http://www.carbonpower.com)  
For more information, please call the billing dept.

REMEMBER you can pay your bill at the following locations:

Rawlins National Bank	ANB	Bank of the West
202 5th St	3908 Grand Ave	302 N. 1st St.
Rawlins, WY	Laramie, WY	Saratoga, WY

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365 days a year.

National Lineman Appreciation Day  
April 18, 2016  
Let's honor the heroes that keep the lights on.

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**Fast . Easy . Secure.**

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**CARBON POWER & LIGHT**  
Office Hours

**MAY - SEPTEMBER**  
Monday - Thursday • 7 AM - 5:30 PM

**OCTOBER - APRIL**  
Monday - Friday • 8 AM - 4:30 PM

YOUR COOPERATIVE IS A PROUD MEMBER OF  
**WREA**  
Wyoming Rural Electric Association

**Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month**

Consider purchasing rechargeable batteries – and an ENERGY STAR charger for them – which are more cost effective than disposable batteries. In the U.S. alone, more energy-efficient battery chargers could save families more than \$170 million annually.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)