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JIM ROGERS  
 District 3 Director

## Board Actions MAY 2017

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Work Order Inventory #530 for \$84,780.89.

Approved contract for the Auditors for 3 years.

Approved the Board Resolution 17-05 the Retirement Security and/or 401(K) Pension Plan 51021-001 and 51021-002.

Approved Cooperative System Integrity Fund 5% from the CFC patronage capital refund not to exceed \$750.00.



Wyoming Governor Matt Mead honors Wyoming Linemen and declares April 10th as Linemen Appreciation Day. Pictured with the Governor is Kirby Larson.





# Member-Owned Service Proud



[ RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER ]



Was that a fantastic annual meeting, Wow! Well, truly we have not had the meeting yet but I'm optimistic it will be FANTASTIC! We will have a new Board Member from District 2 and that will require an orientation to all things that Board Members review monthly. We have never had a new Director not be surprised by the amount of information to review each month. We have reports from Office Services, Operations, Engineering, Member Services, the Manager, and all Employees and Directors report on any meeting or training they have attended. We review Policies and Bylaws on a rotating basis every month. A considerable amount of time and energy has been going into our Wyoming Public Service Commission

(WPSC) Rules and Regulations (R&R) rewrite. The WPSC Staff has been very diligent in reviewing our submittals and suggesting edits for clarity and ease of interpretation. I know they have also been spending a considerable amount of time as some emails are sent outside of the normal workdays. We are scheduled to have WPSC review next week. My hope is this will result in long lasting R&Rs for years to come.



## Electrical Safety and Children

When you are done using a radio, CD player or any other electrical gadget outdoors, bring it inside with you. If it rains, the electrical device could get wet and cause an electrical shock when used later.

Water often attracts kids, but water and electricity never mix," warned Hall. "Teach older children to exercise caution before plugging in a radio, CD player, or any electrical gadget outdoors, and never leave any electrical appliances outside."

*Safe Electricity Director Molly Hall*

# Stay safe exploring the great outdoors this summer

By Abby Berry, NRECA

**Summer** is in full swing, and that means it is time for fun in the sun! As you find yourself spending more time outdoors, Carbon reminds you to stay safe.

## Planning a home improvement project?

When working outdoors, you may be using tools, such as ladders, power tools, \*Hugh Lockhart\* shovels – or even paintbrushes with extendable arms. These items help you get the job done but have the potential to be dangerous if used improperly.

Pay attention to where you place metal ladders or dig for fence posts.

Before you start any project, always look up and avoid overhead power

lines. Keep a minimum of 10 feet between you and overhead lines.

If you are planning a project that requires digging, remember to dial “811” first to find out if the area you will be working in is clear of underground power lines. Power tools should be kept away from wet surfaces, and outlets should not be overloaded.

Exploring the great outdoors is a great way to spend time with the family, but keep these safety tips in mind.

Children should never climb trees near power lines – always assume a wire is live. Fly kites and remote controlled-airplanes in large open areas like a park or a field, safely away from trees and overhead power lines.

Planning to take a dip in the pool?

Electrical devices, such as stereos, should be kept at least 10 feet away from water sources, and outdoor electrical outlets should always be

covered. If you hear a rumble of thunder, exit the pool right away.

Speaking of thunder, summer storms can be dangerous if you’re caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. If you find yourself outdoors during a storm, move toward suitable shelter with covered sides, and stick to low-lying ground if possible.

These are just a few tips to remember when you are spending time outdoors this summer with your family. Have some fun out there, and always keep safety in mind!



## BE PREPARED FOR SUMMER STORMS AND OUTAGES

### ***If your power goes out, be prepared:***

Check fuses, circuit breakers, and if the neighbors' power is out.

Report outages to Carbon Power & Light; dispatch and line crews are available 24/7.

Keep away from downed power lines, as well as trees and branches near power lines. Report these hazards.

Crews respond to hazards, substations, and major distribution lines first, followed by smaller tap lines and individual service lines.

Carbon Power & Light works 24/7 to prevent power outages for members.

Proactive efforts include replacing aging equipment, repairing and maintaining the system, and keeping vegetation out of the right-of-way. However, unplanned outages from storms, wind and lightning are unavoidable.

Our goal is to restore power to members safely and quickly.

Report power outages to 800.359-0249 or 307.326.5206.

Member Statistics Report	April 2016	April 2017
<b>Financial</b>		
Total Utility Plant	\$40,851,364	\$42,258,305
Cost of Purchase Power	\$805,261	\$1,045,344
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$468,775	\$447,545
Tax & Interest Paid	\$63,735	\$51,916.71
Interest Received on Investments	\$3,507	\$4,966.24
<b>Energized Line &amp; Consumers</b>		
Miles of Energized Line	1,953	1,966
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
<b>Meters</b>		
Total Meters	6,169	6,212
Residential/Rural	4,951	4,961
Irrigation	49	52
Large Power/Commercial	1,113	1,138
Other	105	61
<b>kWh Usage</b>		
Total kWh	8,312,994	13,459,491
Residential/Rural	3,354,590	2,945,558
Irrigation	11,401	32,860
Large Power/Commercial	4,692,235	10,242,749
Other	266,169	272,397
<b>Averages</b>		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	1,077	833
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$122	\$127



## 70% of Lightning Fatalities OCCUR JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

Take extra care when enjoying outdoor sporting events and activities when weather turns threatening. If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to pose an immediate threat. That is why the National Weather Service advises: "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!" Lightning can strike up to ten miles away from rain, even if you don't see clouds.

Safe Electricity urges everyone to understand the importance of lightning awareness and how to stay safe. Learn more at [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org)

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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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Edited by Joe Parrie

**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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Rawlins, WY	Laramie, WY	Saratoga, WY



### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

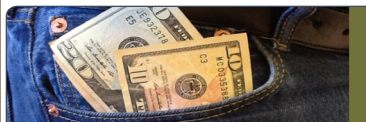


Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material – not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



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