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WELCOME CARBON POWER & LIGHT'S NEW EMPLOYEES

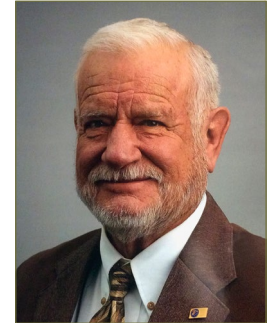
Ashley Fluty Billing Clerk



Casey Renner Apprentice
Lineman Laramie Area



Peter Bennett Apprentice
Lineman Saratoga Area



DICK CLIFTON
District 3 Director

Board Actions
MAY 2020

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved project for Vista Grande Estates.

Approved Carbon's up to \$10,000.00 rebate for the first 100 new services in 2020.

Approved Bylaw changes.

Approved Work Order Inventory #547 for \$2,087,200.04



Online Bill Pay



Member-Owned Service - Proud



RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER



Will regulators allow utilities to reap a windfall because of COVID-19?

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/will-regulators-allow-utilities-to-reap-a-windfall-because-of-covid-19/580279/>

This headline and link to the article is an excellent opportunity for me to help you as a Carbon Power & Light, Inc. (Carbon) Member-Owners understand the ultimate difference between an Investor Owned Utility (IOU) and a Cooperative Utility like Carbon.

As stated in the article IOUs are looking to maintain a good return on investment for their share owners and will use any and all tools available to make sure they accomplish their goal as their existence relies on this success.

At Carbon any gain or loss is shared among all Member-Owners of Carbon in the form of Capital Credits.

These credits are allocated to the individual Member-Owners account each year and paid back to the Member-Owner on a 20-year rotation. Generally, 5% of the total amount owed Carbon's Member-Owners is returned each year. This year that amount will be in excess of one million dollars. These checks will most likely be in your mail box before you get to read this article if you have had electric service with Carbon more than 20 years. We also track down those who no longer have electric service with Carbon. Please keep your address current with Carbon so you receive your check without delay.

The Board of Directors evaluates the financial position of the Cooperative to determine the proper amount of Capital Credits to refund. The Board has also refunded some Capital Credits before the 20-year normal rotation.

All funds Carbon receives are utilized to bring our Member-Owners safe, reliable, affordable and responsible electricity.

As always if you have questions or concerns contact us.



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. *Susan Rice*

Planning a home improvement project?

When working outdoors, you may be using tools, such as ladders, power tools, 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 2019	April 2020
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$45,878,842	\$47,836,689
Cost of Purchase Power	\$643,179	\$624,876
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$500,645	\$462,935
Tax & Interest Paid	\$62,904	\$48,572
Interest Received on Investments	\$10,655	\$6,850
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	1,980	1,980
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
Meters		
Total Meters	6,308	6,369
Residential/Rural	5,046	5,196
Irrigation	51	53
Large Power/Commercial	1,150	1,070
Other	61	50
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	8,424,260	8,013,499
Residential/Rural	3,201,595	3,584,908
Irrigation	15,146	15,863
Large Power/Commercial	4,958,866	4,194,961
Other	248,653	217,767
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	634	690
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$102	\$108

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.

Visit our website at: www.carbonpower.com
 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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Contact Carbon Power's Member Services Department for more information.

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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Installing a smart power strip is a quick and easy way to start saving money while making your home more energy efficient. Smart power strips can actually cut power off to save energy since they are able to detect when a device is in standby mode.

Source: energy.gov

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If you find your name in *asterisks* in this newsletter, contact Carbon Power & Light to receive a \$30 credit on your electric bill.

CARBON POWER & LIGHT

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OCTOBER - APRIL
 Monday - Friday ~ 8 AM - 4:30 PM

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