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CLAY THOMPSON
District 3 Director

Board Actions FEBRUARY 2021

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved the Scholarship Committee selections.

Approved Octagon Estates Subdivision phases I & III.



Date to Remember

June 26- 79th & 80th Annual Meeting of the Membership. Held each year on the fourth Saturday in June. Registration begins at 10:30 A.M. Business meeting begins at 12:30 P.M.

**Platte Valley
Community Center
201 W Elm Ave.
Saratoga WY**

Carbon Power & Light's Laramie Foreman Gabe Torres, as well as other linemen, joined Wyoming Governor Gordon in honor of Wyoming Linemen. Linemen leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair the electric infrastructure. Linemen are the first responders of the electric cooperative family, getting

power back on and making things safe for all after storms and accidents. There would be no electric cooperatives without these brave men and women.

Gordon is very supportive of our industry and as such, signed a Governors Proclamation in April of 2021 declaring April 18 as Linemen Appreciation Day to thank our linemen for the work they do.



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RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER



Good news to report from Tri-State a 2% rate decrease starting 3/1/2021 with an additional rate decrease on 3/1/2022 for an overall 4% decrease in Tri-State rates to Carbon. We have an all power requirements contract with Tri-State and this represents 56 percent of Carbon's annual expense.

We have been experiencing reduced net margins the last few years and were looking at a possible rate increase to improve our net margins. Tri-State's actions should allow some more water to flow under the bridge before we need to take action. I like to report good news. David's retirement has stirred the employee title assignments at Carbon. We are so fortunate to have employees that have desire and education to improve their service to our membership. Tom Westring has accepted the challenge to be our next Director of Operations and Matt Love has stepped up to be our Saratoga Area Foreman. We then added three new future

lineman to our group. Andrew Everett in Saratoga, Memphis Smith, and Garrett Ricketts in Laramie. We had been running short handed in Laramie with a couple of employees that chose to explore new opportunities.

If you see any of these or any other of our outstanding employees, make sure to thank them for taking care of our Member-Owner's needs.

Don't forget the annual meeting 6/26/2021 the best Saturday in June, PVCC, Saratoga and to send in your ballot if you reside in District 2. As always, if you have comments or concerns let us know.



Member Statistics Report	March 2020	March 2021
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$47,726,755	\$49,639,390
Cost of Purchase Power	\$721,223	\$736,638
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$516,766	\$476,893
Tax & Interest Paid	\$60,772	\$60,020
Interest Received on Investments	\$6,335	\$2,065
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	1,978	1,990
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
Meters		
Total Meters	6,364	6,460
Residential/Rural	5,192	5,295
Irrigation	52	51
Large Power/Commercial	1,066	1,064
Other	54	50
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	9,654,272	10,186,794
Residential/Rural	4,117,313	4,331,473
Irrigation	9,289	10,910
Large Power/Commercial	5,295,161	5,610,231
Other	232,509	234,180
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	793	818
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$119	\$122

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. *Zornitza Werner* Mail comments to Carbon Power & Light, Inc. P.O. Box 579, Saratoga, WY 82331, ATTN: Newsletter or email 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.

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 For more information,
 please call the billing dept.

REMEMBER you can also pay your bill at the following location:

ANB
 3908 Grand Ave
 Laramie, WY

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your thermostat.

The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause your air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

Source:
www.energy.gov





Cory Juhnke and President Forster Photo by Joe Parrie

Cory Juhnke, an employee with Carbon Power & Light, Inc. has successfully completed one of the world's most comprehensive training programs for power line personnel. The Merchant Job Training and Safety Program (MJTS) is administered to line personnel in more than 40 states throughout the United States. Cory Juhnke and the support staff at Carbon Power & Light can be proud of

their accomplishment. Each utility has an acting Training Corridor assisting their Trainees by administering "closed book" testing. The coordinators manage their own people throughout the training process from rules set by the MJTS and the statewide association people. Congratulations to Cory Juhnke, who can look forward to a very rewarding life long occupation.



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