



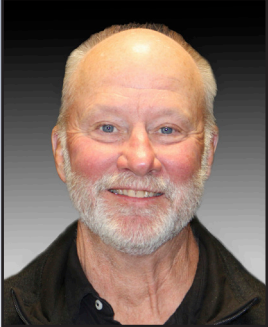
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SHAWN BROWN
District 1 Director

Board Actions
APRIL 2026

Approved the
Department
Production and
Financial Reports.

Approved Policies 1-13,
4-3, and 4-20.

THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US AT CARBON POWER & LIGHT, INC.!!!





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Jim Beckmann, General Manager



It's the dog days of summer and our phones have been ringing a lot. As much as we love to hear from our members, it's never a good sign when the calls start coming in. It means one thing; outages. As you are all aware we are in the midst of a drought and as of late, along with the hot and dry conditions, we've experienced a lot of lightning. On more than one occasion I have mentioned our Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) that was approved by the WPSC earlier this year. As both counties we serve in implemented fire restrictions, we too implemented operating procedures from our WMP. Per our WMP, the protective devices, in fire prone areas (which make up most of our service territory), are set to non-reclose. This means that a breaker that would typically operate 4 times before locking out will now lockout after the first operation. With the increase in lightning, this has caused an increase in outages. Also, we must patrol the entire length of the line that is out, often in rugged and remote areas, before we can re-energize the line which increases the durations of the now increased number of outages.

Not only does the increased number and duration of the outages cause disruptions and inconveniences for our members; it affects our day-to-day operations and personnel as well. Overtime hours have skyrocketed as we've put the system on non-reclose; taking linemen away from their families and cutting into their sleep

at night. Even our Operations Director, though not on call, winds up fielding calls from the guys in the field at all hours. During times of large and widespread outages our front office is overwhelmed with incoming calls; often requiring help from other departments to cover the phones. Though the help is appreciated up front, this cuts into the productivity of the individuals providing the help. Also, when the power is off; we're not selling any electricity which is how we pay for our operating expenses. So basically, when exercising the WMP we are having to do more with less.

All of this may lead you to ask, "Why is all of this necessary?" First off, it's the law. In the 2025 legislative session Wyoming lawmakers passed House Bill 0192 which, once signed into law, became HEA 0058 effective July 1, 2025. This law requires all electric utilities in the state to file WMP with the Wyoming Public Service Commission. Secondly, and most importantly, it increases protection. It increases protection for you, your family, your property, your homes, your businesses, etc. It increases protection for the Wyoming lands that we all know and love; the forests, the prairies, the high deserts. It also, when properly followed and documented, increases utility companies' protection from liability associated with wildfires. This is key, especially for electric cooperatives, because litigation from a utility-caused wildfire has the potential to bankrupt a company. The cooperatives serve the areas where other utilities wouldn't; who will come in to serve if any of the cooperatives go out of business? So as we go through these trying times of decreased power reliability and longer outage times please know that we are doing all we can to keep the lights on but that we are also doing what must be done to protect all of us from the all too real threat of wildfire.

Thanks, Jim

Member Statistics Report		May 2025	May 2026
Financial			
Total Utility Plant		\$63,399,803	\$65,732,761
Cost of Purchase Power		\$671,607	\$727,979
Expenses Less Power Cost		\$612,496	\$710,963
Tax & Interest Paid		\$80,206	\$95,295
Interest Received on Investments		\$13,589	\$18,901
Energized Line & Consumers			
Miles of Energized Line		2,031	2,036
Consumers Per Mile		3.3	3.3
Meters			
Total Meters		6,759	6,808
Residential/Rural		5,578	5,619
Irrigation		55	53
Large Power/Commercial		1,069	1,072
Other		48	48
kWh Usage			
Total kWh		8,505,126	8,077,550
Residential/Rural		3,680,827	3,071,827
Irrigation		340,412	372,275
Large Power/Commercial		4,896,055	4,444,665
Other		181,832	188,783
Averages			
Avg. Residential kWh Used		553	547
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill		\$108	\$111

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.*Andrea Sayles* 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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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know ceiling fans can make a room feel 4 degrees cooler?

To save energy through ceiling fan use, remember to raise your thermostat a few degrees while fans are turned on. Ceiling fans can help improve comfort year-round. In the summer, operate ceiling fans in a counterclockwise direction. Reverse the direction to clockwise during winter months and set fans on a low speed so warm air can circulate from the ceiling to the lower levels of the room.

Remember, ceiling fans cool people, not spaces. Be sure to turn them off when you leave the room.

Source: Dept. of Energy

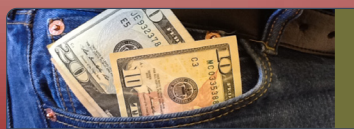


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