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JIM ROGERS
District 3 Director

Board Actions MARCH 2026

Approved the
Department
Production and
Financial Reports.

Approved Policies 1-2,
2-2, and 4-23

Approved Write Offs
for \$5,830.69.

Approved
Deceased Patrons for
\$55,539.44.



***Thank you for joining us for the
best Saturday in June!!***





Member-Owned Service - Proud



Jim Beckmann, General Manager



Earlier this week I participated in a meeting at the governor's office with representation from a number of other cooperatives serving in Wyoming. Governor Gordon had requested the meeting so we could discuss the cooperatives' collective ability to serve large loads (such as data centers, oil & gas, and mining) in this state while also protecting our existing members from the costs associated with them. This included four Generation and Transmission (G&T) cooperatives that provide power to distribution cooperatives such as Carbon Power & Light. In addition to the G&Ts, there were representatives from five of the Wyoming distribution cooperatives served by those G&Ts. Central to the conversation was a white paper spearheaded by our peers at Powder River Energy Corporation and drafted collaboratively with leaders from the electric cooperatives in the state. The paper speaks to the varying paths to power for large loads depending upon which utility's service territory the load is located. In addition to the white paper, there was also a document prepared by the group to address a number of Frequently Asked Questions. I think the FAQ sheet did a great job of addressing questions related to serving large loads that are also applicable to the membership as a whole.

Currently the WPSC is considering rules that would allow 3rd party, non-public utility generators to serve large loads. In our minds this is a direct threat to protecting certificated service territory within Wyoming. Oftentimes certificated service territory is viewed as creating a monopoly for the

electric utility that services within that footprint. However, certificated service territory is actually a protection for you, the member, and the investment you've made in our service territory over time.

The FAQ sheet states: Cooperative service territories aren't a "monopoly" in the way people think of that word. They represent decades of infrastructure investment by member-owners — the ranchers, families, and businesses who built these systems. When cooperatives were formed, nobody else was willing to serve rural Wyoming. Those members invested in transmission lines, substations, and distribution infrastructure that now makes energy development possible. The service territory is their asset, and it's our obligation to protect that investment. That said, cooperatives have always made arrangements to serve loads across boundaries when it benefits members — customer allocation agreements for stock wells, oil and gas operations, and other loads have been standard practice for decades. We're not blocking development; we're ensuring it happens in a way that protects the members who built the system.

There are a lot of unknowns at this time of unprecedented load growth and there is a lot of angst at the public, the utility and the legislative levels on how to best serve the large loads that are trying to establish themselves here in the state. Whatever the outcome may be; I am proud of the effort of the Wyoming Cooperatives, their G&Ts, and the Wyoming Rural Electric Association to protect the interests of their collective members. At a time when it's easy to question the direction of the world as a whole, I can assure you that here in Wyoming, each rural electric cooperative is making a valiant effort to protect the interests of and investments by our members.

Thanks, Jim

Member Statistics Report	April 2025	April 2026
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$63,311,469	\$65,006,203
Cost of Purchase Power	\$740,780	\$752,794
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$614,633	\$614,033
Tax & Interest Paid	\$80,206	\$90,508
Interest Received on Investments	\$73,487	\$18,901
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	2,030	2,035
Consumers Per Mile	3.3	3.3
Meters		
Total Meters	6,750	6,800
Residential/Rural	5,578	5,626
Irrigation	55	53
Large Power/Commercial	1,068	1,073
Other	49	48
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	8,835,945	8,645,161
Residential/Rural	3,680,655	3,560,266
Irrigation	57,484	95,383
Large Power/Commercial	4,885,651	4,793,336
Other	212,155	
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	660	633
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$121	\$120

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.*Kris Klindt* 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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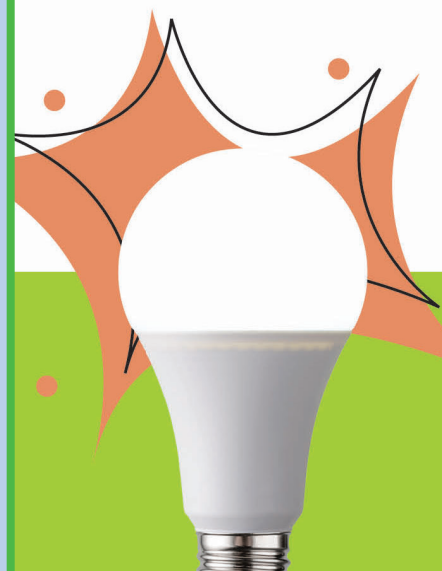
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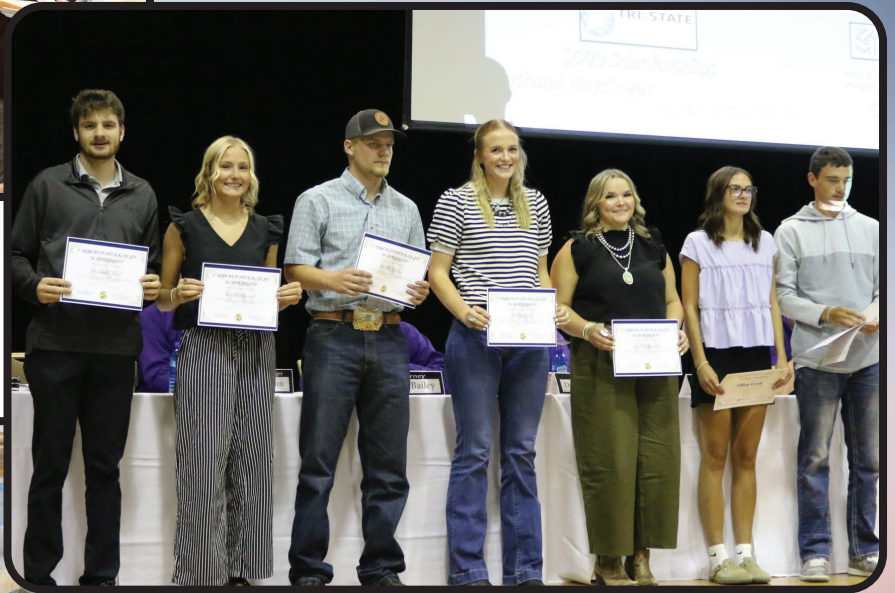
TIP OF THE MONTH

During summer months, run large appliances that emit heat such as clothes dryers and dishwashers during the evening when the outdoor temperature is lower. Running heat-emitting appliances in the evening will reduce indoor heat gain during the day when outdoor temperatures are highest and ultimately keep your air conditioner from working harder than necessary.

Source: energy.gov



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