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Carbon Light Lines



November 2026



JOE DEVINE
District 3 Director

Board Actions AUGUST 2026

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Policies 1-1, 1-4, and 5-1.



Our offices will be closed November 26th and 27th



If you're interested in attending Youth Leadership Camp in 2027 you can get an application by contacting us or going to our website under Youth Programs/Energy Camp:

307-326-5206 OR spatterson@carbonpower.com OR www.carbonpower.com



General Manager's Message

General Manager:

Jim Beckmann

As we transition from fall to winter, here at Carbon Power & Light we are deep into planning for 2027. At our October Board meeting, rates were established for next year, and we are working to finalize the 2027 budget. Overall, members will see an 8% rate increase, with the General Service Single Phase Rate increasing by about 8.3%. Three primary factors driving the need for this increase are: higher power costs from our wholesale power supplier, Tri-State G&T; lower-than-expected electricity sales; and rising operating expenses.

In 2026, we anticipated a 6.5% rate increase from our power supplier. However, because our electricity sales have been lower than expected, the actual impact to Carbon Power & Light has been closer to 8%, due to how the components of our wholesale power bill are calculated. Based on this year's usage, we are looking at another 6.5% increase from Tri-State for 2027.

Our electricity sales are down more than 9% compared to last year. Much of this is due to milder winter weather, when we typically sell the most electricity, along with several of our largest customers using less power. At the same time, the cost of doing business continues to rise. Everything from line materials to the fuel we put in our trucks has become more expensive. The cost of overhead line materials alone has increased 12 to 15% since 2025 and around 30% over the past five years.

After reading all of this, you may be wondering what we're doing to address these challenges. I can assure you that we are taking a close look at our budget and trimming costs wherever we can. We are also exploring an opportunity to purchase lower-cost renewable power through a project near Rock River. Regardless of your personal views on renewable energy, the potential cost savings make this an opportunity worth pursuing.

Furthermore, we are exploring a couple avenues to purchase lower-cost natural gas generation. These opportunities could provide us with twice as much power as we would purchase through the renewable project. We also have projects underway to increase electricity usage at some of our existing member locations, while pursuing new opportunities to bring additional load to our system.

These efforts are all part of our commitment to keeping Carbon Power & Light financially strong and providing reliable electricity at the most affordable rates possible. We know rate increases are never welcome news, we don't take them lightly and delivering the message to you is one of the worst parts of my job. I can assure you our focus remains on making sound decisions today that will benefit our members well into the future.

Thanks,

Jim Beckmann



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Member Statistics Report	August 2025	August 2026
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	$63,249,200	$66,231,256
Cost of Purchased Power	$692,993	$750,422
Expenses Less Power Cost	$429,763	$531,190
Tax & Interest Paid	$73,273	$91,229
Interest Received on Investments	$6,240.59	$12,533
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	2,020	2,031
Consumers Per Mile	3.3	3.3
Meters		
Total Meters	6,770	6,835
Residential/Rural	5,599	5,662
Irrigation	55	54
Large Power/Commercial	1,068	1,071
Other	48	48
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	8,663,906	8,022,792
Residential/Rural	2,791,632	2,726,879
Irrigation	445,577	335,829
Large Power/Commercial	5,262,108	4,794,292
Other	164,589	165,793
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	499	482
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	$104	$104

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.*Charles Jolly* 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 Jim Beckmann

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

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3908 Grand Ave

Laramie, WY

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Adjust your water heater settings to save energy. As cooler weather arrives, your water heater may be working harder to keep up with longer, hotter showers. Check its temperature setting and consider lowering it to 120°F, which the U.S. Department of Energy recommends for most households. Lowering the temperature can reduce energy use while also helping prevent scalding. Always check the owner's manual before making adjustments.

Source: Dept. of Energy



Attention Time of Day Customers

If you are an owner of an Electric Storage Heating System(s), do not forget to adjust your timer(s)!

Day Light Saving Time Ends November 1, 2026
Check our website for timer instructions!





Thanksgiving Safety Tips

1. **Don't overload outlets while cooking**
Holiday meals mean lots of crockpots, warmers, mixers, and gadgets running at once. Make sure you're spreading them across different outlets - not stacking everything into the same strip.

2. **Check your extension cords**
If you're powering extra lights or decor, avoid using damaged or frayed cords. Remember, extension cords are temporary, not permanent.

3. **Keep cords away from the stove and sink**
With all the moving parts in the kitchen, make sure cords aren't draped near hot surfaces or water.

4. **Space heaters + power strips = NO**
As temps drop, plug space heaters directly into the wall. Power strips and heaters are a dangerous combination.

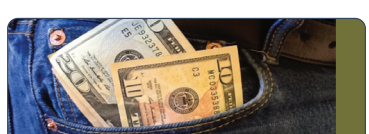
5. **Testing Christmas lights already?**
If you're getting a jump-start on holiday decorating, inspect lights for broken bulbs or damaged wires before plugging them in.

From our family at Carbon Power & Light, we want everyone to enjoy a safe and happy Thanksgiving!





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OCTOBER - APRIL
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