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Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for January is \$.02123/kWh. This calculates to an additional \$21.23 per 1,000 kWh used.

The PCA was implemented in 2002 to cover only the increase in power costs charged to us by our wholesale power supplier, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) in Topeka. The PCA varies each month depending on the wholesale charges from KEPCo, and is a flow-through on your electric bills based on the factor for the month.

FROM THE MANAGER

Your Cooperative Outlook for 2010

The year of 2010 is already upon us! Your cooperative is looking forward to continuing to provide dependable electric service with the advantages and convenience of local access to our Cedar Vale headquarters.

The 2010 work plans include ongoing line upgrades and improvements along with line restoration as a result of the March 27, 2009, ice storm, which hit parts of Cowley and Chautauqua counties.

Routine line maintenance and right-of-way clearing activities will also be a major part of the work in order to control outages and line losses. Safety awareness for both our employees and the general public will

be emphasized throughout the year.

General administrative activities will be monitored for efficiency and effectiveness. Several aspects of the electric utility billing and collecting procedures are always being reviewed. This may result in some changes in how they are conducted.

Encompassing all of the 2010 expectations for the cooperative is the willingness and receptiveness of the cooperative staff to be accessible to you for any comments, needs, questions, or problems that you might have. Feel free to contact us to discuss any of your concerns.

We hope you have a very successful and happy 2010!



Allen Zadorozny

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Caney Valley Electric Board of Trustees Meeting Notice

Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-104d, please take notice that the Board of Trustees of The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., will meet on January 12, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the cooperative headquarters, 401 Lawrence, in Cedar Vale, to discuss and vote on the adoption or modification of any or all of the following rules, regulations, rate schedules, riders, or terms of service:

1. The adoption of a net metering rider for member-owned renewable generation.

The Board will consider the adoption of a net metering rider applicable to certain member-owned renewable generation installations installed primarily to offset the member's own energy usage. The rider would enable members with qualified installations to offset the energy purchased from the cooperative with renewable energy generated by the customer over the

length of each billing cycle.

2. Modifications to cooperative rules, regulations, and terms of service governing the operation of parallel generation by members.

Under certain terms and conditions set forth in K.S.A. 66-1,184 and the rates, rules and regulations of the cooperative, members may operate generation in parallel with that provided by the cooperative. The Board of Trustees will consider amendments to the existing rates, rules and regulations to comply with legislative amendments to K.S.A. 66-1,184 and to establish consistency with the terms of other member-owned generation.

The meeting is open to any member that wishes to attend. Any member with questions may contact Allen Zadorozny, General Manager.

Attention High School Juniors

Caney Valley will send TWO students on a FREE summer trip!



From left: Ben Bellar, Erin Champlin and Cale Ellis enjoy the view on top of Mt. Werner in Steamboat Springs. In 2010, Cale will be returning to camp as an ambassador to help facilitate camp and help this year's campers have the trip of a lifetime.



Cale poses with a bald eagle, which was part of a presentation on how cooperative's protect birds of prey.

The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative is sponsoring two all-expense-paid trips to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, July 10-16, 2010.

While at camp, you will stay at the scenic Glen Eden Resort in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. You will join winners from other cooperatives in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Wyoming to form one of the most outstanding leadership camps in the country.

The contest is open to all current high school juniors in Caney Valley's service area, whose residence is served by Caney Valley Electric.

If you are a high school junior and are interested in this trip, please complete the application form below and send by February 16 to:

Caney Valley Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 308, Cedar Vale, KS 67024

Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp Application

For an eligible high school junior to enter the competition, the cooperative office should receive this coupon by February 16, 2010.

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Birth Date _____ Grade _____ School _____

Name of Parents/Guardian _____ Parents' Phone # _____

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true. _____

(Signature of Applicant)

I hereby grant permission for _____ to enter the 2010 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp competition sponsored by Caney Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. _____

(Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian)

Recipes from Caney Valley's Members



Connie Diehl

These recipes were submitted by Caney Valley Electric member, Connie Diehl, from Aurora, CO. Connie owns a farm just five miles west of Elk City in Chautauqua County.

BUTTERSCOTCH APPLE PIE

5 c peeled & sliced apples	1/2 c sugar
1 (6 oz) pkg butterscotch morsels	1/4 c flour
3 tsp cinnamon	1 tsp salt
	1/2 c light cream

Combine apples and butterscotch; put in pie shell, sprinkle with cinnamon. Combine sugar, flour and salt, then add cream. Drizzle over apples so slices are coated. Place pie in large paper bag (grocery sack) and fasten securely (staple). Bake at 375 degrees for 70 minutes. Remove from bag when done. Don't worry, the bag will not catch on fire. I have been baking this for over 40 years and not once did the bag burn.

CRANBERRY SALAD

1 sm. pkg black cherry Jello	3 c. hot water.	now most are 12 oz, so I use 1 1/2 bags)
1 sm. pkg. raspberry Jello	1 pound raw cranberries (bags used to be 1 pound, but	3 medium apples
		2 c sugar

Dissolve black cherry and raspberry Jello in hot water. Let this set until thick. In a food processor mix together cranberries and apples. Add sugar. You can break up the Jello in the mixer, then combine with the cranberry/apple mixture. Mix with 2 cups whipped cream. Refrigerate.

This was a favorite holiday salad of our family. I would set the bowl by my place, but by the time the blessing was through, it had moved to one of my brother's place so they could get first serving.

How to Submit

To submit your recipe please send the following information:

- ▶ Your name
- ▶ Contact information
- ▶ Photo of yourself with the finished product (if possible)
- ▶ The recipe (clearly printed or typed)

We will continue to run recipes as long as we receive them. Send your entry to:

Caney Valley Electric
Attn: Recipes
P.O. Box 308
Cedar Vale, KS 67024
E-mail to cve@caneyvalley.com



ATTENTION High School Seniors Scholarship Deadline is March 31

Caney Valley Electric Cooperative has scholarships available for high school seniors going on to college or a vocational-technical school.

Application deadline for August enrollment is March 31, 2010.

Please contact Caney Valley Electric or your high school counselor for further information.

Award recipients will be announced at our Annual Meeting on May 4, 2010.



In Memorium

Employees and cooperative members are mourning the recent death of Archie Leach, a 32-year employee of Caney Valley Electric from 1949 to 1981.

Leach, 92, operated the Sedan generating station and was a loyal worker and supporter of the cooperative.

Our condolences go out to his family.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS

Energy Commandment No. 6

Thou Shalt Not Believe Everything You Hear

BY DOUG RYE

Oh man, I love the Christmas season and having grandchildren doesn't hurt that one bit.

As I mentioned last month, we have so very much for which to be thankful this holiday season. Electricity is certainly one of the most important things.

I have been teaching folks about energy efficiency for over 30 years and I tell you, there is more information available today about that subject than at any other time in history. It seems that everyone has an interest and opinion about saving our world and helping people have lower utility bills.

Every day I see energy tips on television, in magazines, newspapers and even direct mail pieces sent to the house. You can go to the Internet and read about energy efficiency for hours.

Most of the stuff I see says something like this: "Saves up to 50 percent on your heating and cooling costs." If that were true, I would suggest you do just two of the items and save 100 percent. If only it were that easy.

Actually folks, up to 50 per-

cent means anything from one to 50 percent. If that product saved you 10 percent it would meet the claim. Simply stated, there are lots of folks out there trying to sell you something. It is my opinion that few, if any, of the advertised products regarding energy savings actually will give you the advertised savings.

This may come as a shock to you, but misleading advertising is not new. About 25 years ago, I developed what is still known as the Doug Rye Super Energy-Efficient house. It also happened to be very "green" but that color wasn't as important in those days.

The Doug Rye house had cellulose insulation, lots of caulking, energy-efficient windows, tight duct work and a geothermal heat pump. When people built their houses in this manner, they could heat and cool a 1,200-square-foot house for about 50 cents per day or \$15 per month.

One day a national company came to me and said if you will use our product in your houses we will guarantee a 30-percent savings on heating and cooling costs. Well, I figured 30 percent of \$15 is \$4.50 a month. I asked what it cost to use their product on a 1,200-squarefoot house and he said, "\$1,100." Well, I immediately knew this was not a good investment. I also knew his product wouldn't do anything to make a Doug Rye house more efficient.

However, they persisted and

showed me a four-page warranty of which I read every single word using a magnifying glass. The warranty said to file a claim one must submit a copy of the last 12 months' utility bills prior to the installation of the product and a copy of 12 months' utility bills after the installation of the product. The claim must be filed in the 13th month after the product was installed. I noticed that the name of the warranty company was at the end of the form so I called them for more information. When I talked to the man at the warranty company he wasn't even familiar with the product I was asking him about. He told me his bonding company had placed warranties on hundreds of products and just assumed they would have to pay a few claims. They intentionally made it as difficult as possible to file the claim, he added. Well, at least he was honest about it.

Folks, just remember there are a lot of people trying to take your green by claiming to be green. Please listen to me and don't believe everything you hear.



Doug Rye

DOUG RYE, is a licensed architect and the popular host of the "Home Remedies" radio show. You can contact Doug at 888-Doug-Rye. Source: Arkansas Electric Cooperatives Corporation.

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	Oct. 2008	Oct. 2009
Members Billed	5,487	5,513
kWh Sold	4,357,630	4,603,687
Total Revenue	\$ 640,571	\$ 643,990
Purchased Power	\$ 261,816	\$ 313,229
Operating Expenses	\$ 182,945	\$ 180,412
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 54,084	\$ 43,822
Interest Expenses	\$ 39,324	\$ 34,329
Other Expenses	\$ 50	\$ 0
Operating Margins	\$ 102,352	\$ 72,198
Non-operating Margins	\$ 22,085	\$ 2,066
Total Margins	\$ 124,437	\$ 74,264
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 231,769	\$ 308,323

Outages for November 2009

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Below are the larger outages that occurred during November.

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
11/7	Longton substation	367	3 hr	Westar off - fuse out
11/15	Burden, Cambridge, Atlanta areas	284	2 hr 10 min	Westar off