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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for January is \$0.03473/kilowatt-hour. This calculates to an additional \$34.73 per 1,000 kWh used.

The PCA was implemented in 2002 to cover only the increase (over and above 5¢/kWh) 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



Allen Zadorozny

The year 2012 is now upon us. Your electric cooperative looks forward to meeting the many operational challenges, both new and ongoing.

A large number of the issues that affect the cooperative's operational costs are beyond its control. Beyond the wholesale power costs, there are governmental regulations, inflationary costs of electric line materials and apparatus, vehicle and fuel costs. These are just a few areas that have an impact.

Encompassing the cooperative's ability to meet the increased costs and to maintain acceptable financial standards is to continue to increase the kilowatt-hour sales. Even modest increases can spread the costs of operations enough to help the cooperative hold the line on its electric rates while generating acceptable margins and cash flow.

At right, is a chart showing operational expenses, excluding wholesale power costs. The kilowatt-hour sales increases are a very important part in coping with higher expenses.

Year	kWh's Sold	Operation Expense without Power Costs	Operations Expenses without Power Costs per kWh sold
1999	44,588,014	\$2,468,562	5.54¢
2000	48,109,658	2,516,658	5.23¢
2001	48,346,240	2,540,252	5.25¢
2002	47,733,928	2,325,925	4.87¢
2003	49,125,078	2,455,444	5.00¢
2004	47,760,680	2,600,419	5.44¢
2005	51,046,162	2,518,817	4.93¢
2006	53,307,220	2,600,938	4.88¢
2007	53,296,881	2,900,778	5.44¢
2008	54,223,171	3,090,258	5.70¢
2009	56,249,136	2,959,061	5.26¢
2010	61,193,075	2,971,909	4.86¢
2011	64,000,000	3,065,000	4.78¢ (projected year-end)

Allen Zadorozny, Manager

In Memoriam of Dewayne C. "Barney" Barnett

DEWAYNE C. "BARNEY" BARNETT, age 89, of Sedan, passed away December 12, 2011.

Barnett served on the Caney Valley Board of Trustees from 1994-2003, and also served as a board member at Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., our statewide association and Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo), our power supplier.

He was born June 26, 1922,

in Hewins. After high school, he enlisted in the Army serving from 1942 to 1945. He made his home with his wife, Earlene, in Sedan and owned and operated Barnett's Food Center until 1989.

The family has suggested memorials to the First Baptist Church in Sedan. Those remembrances can be left in care of the David W. Barnes Funeral Home, 209 N. Douglas, Sedan, Kansas 67361.



Dewayne Barnett



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, 2012.

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

Award recipients will be announced at our Annual Meeting on May 1, 2012.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Switch to energy-saving halogen incandescent lightbulbs to cut lighting energy use by 25 percent. Want to save more? Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and light-emitting diodes (LEDs) cut lighting energy use by at least 75 percent. Learn more at energysavers.gov.

SOURCE: US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Attention High School Juniors
 Caney Valley will send TWO students on a FREE summer trip!

The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative is sponsoring two all-expense-paid trips to Steamboat Springs, CO, July 14-20, 2012.

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. Contest winners will learn about electrification, cooperatives, energy issues, safety, and leadership.



From left: Luke Bellar, Victoria Wittmeier and Matt Womacks enjoy the view at Lookout Mountain just outside of Denver.

The contest is open to all current high school juniors, 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, P.O. Box 308, Cedar Vale, KS 67024.**



The Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp brought students together from four states.

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, 2012.

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 _____
(Applicant Name) to enter the 2012

Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp competition sponsored by Caney Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

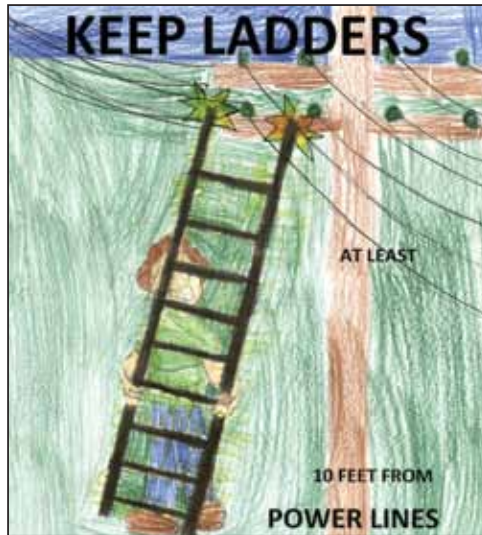
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National Co-op Month Poster Contest Results

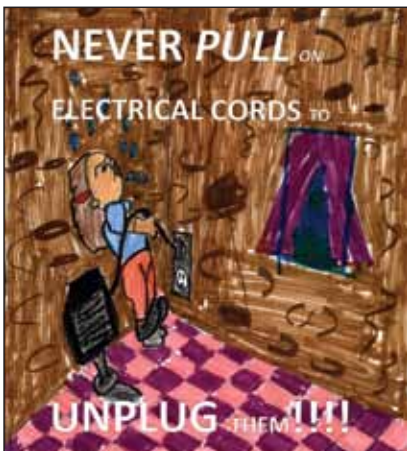
To commemorate National Cooperative Month, we once again invited area fifth graders to participate in an electrical safety poster contest.

Posters were judged by a three-person committee, and one winner from each school won \$25. Included are some of the winning posters.

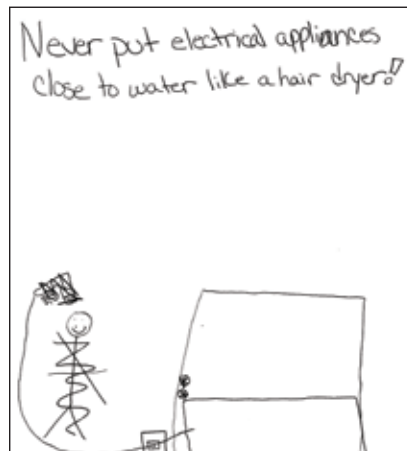
Thank you to all the students who participated. There were a lot of excellent posters submitted, and the committee had a hard time deciding on a winner from some of the schools. Thanks again, kids!



Amanda Hufferd, Elk Valley



Kayla McDow, Elk Valley



Morgan Riggs, winner, West Elk

Johnson Receives the Cooperative “Money Tree”

Congratulations to Caney Valley Electric’s apprentice line-man **MONTANA JOHNSON** and his new bride, Stephanie.

The two were married November 12 in Las Vegas, NV, and have made their home in Cedar Vale.

Caney Valley employees gifted the couple with an electric-line ver-



Caney Valley employees gifted Montana Johnson and his new bride, Stephanie, with an electric-line version of a money tree.

sion of a money tree.

Caney Valley Electric congratulates the couple on their marriage!

Insuring Equipment Against Damage

Frequently we are asked by members who have had damage or loss during a power outage if their loss is somehow covered by our insurance. The answer is always the same: We have no way of insuring our members from the effects of outages, which are beyond our control and are always going to be part of providing electrical service.

Caney Valley Electric strives to provide reliable, continuous electric service to all of our consumer members, and we have an excellent and improving record. However, we cannot guarantee continuity of service 100 percent of the time, and some outages must be expected.

Equipment failure, weather, vehicle accidents, animals, falling trees and a variety of other causes will continue to create outages and inconveniences for all of us. These outages are not only expensive and inconvenient for you, they are also extremely expensive for your cooperative to control. This leaves you with the burden of insuring yourself for these occurrences which are caused by nature or otherwise. Each of you should consider having adequate insurance to cover such incidents.

There are many things you can do to help eliminate potential problems, such as having proper protection on electric motors, an alarm system to notify you of an outage, often checking power at unoccupied locations, and possibly a standby generator when 24-hour power is absolutely essential.

We intend to keep doing our best to prevent service interruptions, but we urge you to consider having proper insurance protection for those occasions when the unexpected happens.

Plan Ahead for Outages—Your Life May Depend on It

For members who rely on life-support equipment at home, an outage could be a matter of life and death. If someone in your home depends on an electrically-operated health aid, take these steps to prepare for power outages:

- ▶ Plug electronic devices into surge protectors and consider using uninterruptible power supplies.
- ▶ Invest in a portable generator that can power vital equipment in the event of an extended outage. Consult with a qualified electrician before installing the device, as improperly rigged generators can back feed

electricity into power lines and injure or even kill workers.

- ▶ If the outage is extended due to weather storm damages, plan in advance to stay with a relative or friend in an area unaffected by the outage.
- ▶ Charge cell phones frequently so you're not caught with a dead battery when the power goes out. Keep a corded land line operating in your home, as cordless phones need power and will not work without electricity.
- ▶ Report all outages quickly.

- ▶ Ask Caney Valley Electric to notify you in advance of planned outages.
- ▶ Let Caney Valley Electric know that someone in your home relies on electrically powered medical equipment, so your home may receive priority treatment during a weather emergency. **Notifying the cooperative of your situation does not guarantee uninterrupted electric service, nor does it guarantee immediate attention to your individual service should the area experience a power outage. It does alert us to the situation.**

A New Year for Efficiency—2012 Brings Opportunities to Save

Many people turn over a new leaf at the beginning of a new year by making a resolution. Losing weight, exercising more, and quitting smoking top the list for some, but this year why not make a resolution to stop wasting money?

There are a number of actions you can take to help keep money in your pocket. Tackling all of these actions at once can be overwhelming, but spaced out over a year, they are more manageable. The following are a couple of "To Do" lists for the new year to get you started saving money.

Efficiency actions that can be

taken in the next few weeks:

- ▶ Buy and install low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators and compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) bulbs from a hardware or home improvement store.
- ▶ Put a water heater blanket on your older water heater to help water in the tank stay hot.
- ▶ Apply rope caulk to very leaky window frames, where significant energy loss may occur from air infiltration.
- ▶ Assess your heating and cooling systems, and determine if replacements are justified or whether you should retrofit them to make them work more efficiently and provide the same comfort (or better) for less energy.

Efficiency actions that can be taken in the next few months:

- ▶ Separate your electricity and heating oil/natural gas bills. Target the biggest bill for energy conservation remedies.

- ▶ Find out what level of insulation is recommended for your area at EnergySavers.Gov. Then crawl into your attic and/or crawlspace, and inspect the insulation in order to determine if there is enough. If not, add the appropriate amount.
- ▶ Insulate water pipes and ducts wherever they run through unheated areas.
- ▶ Seal up the largest air leaks in your house. The worst culprits are usually not windows and doors, but plumbing penetrations, gaps around chimneys, and recessed lights in insulated ceilings and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.

Some longer term projects to think about are replacing aging, inefficient appliances and upgrading leaky windows. It is also a good idea to have your heating and cooling systems tuned up every fall and spring. For more information on home efficiency, go to EfficiencyResource.org.

Caney Valley's Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	Oct. 2011	Oct. 2010
Meters Billed	5,574	5,531
kWh Sold	5,243,110	4,856,944
Total Revenue	\$ 807,869	\$ 681,544
Purchased Power	\$ 403,487	\$ 347,947
Operating Expenses	\$ 153,020	\$ 170,279
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 50,117	\$ 47,232
Interest Expenses	\$ 29,162	\$ 32,464
Other Expenses	\$ 100	\$ 350
Operating Margins	\$ 171,984	\$ 83,272
Non-operating Margins	\$ 13,918	\$ 1,949
Total Margins	\$ 185,902	\$ 85,221
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 407,694	\$ 416,750

Outages for November 2011

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
11/2	Longton substation	380	2 hr 45 min	Westar off
11/3	Elk City area	40	1 hr 30 min	Pole on fire
11/13	Southwest of Sedan	40	2 hr 35 min	Trees in line