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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for February is \$.01153/kWh. This calculates to an additional \$11.53 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

Changes in Disconnect Notice Procedures

This month we introduce a new procedure to notify members about delinquent accounts and service disconnects for non-payment.

The current method of dealing with delinquent accounts has been monitored for years tracking the expenses involved with labor, forms, and postage.

Due to the expenses and time involved and the resulting ineffectiveness in the notices prompting members to begin paying bills on time, the delinquent notices will no longer be mailed.

Members who have not paid previous monthly bills will be reminded that their service is subject to disconnect on the regular monthly bills.

A notice reminder will be printed on

the monthly bill that payment was not received for the prior month's bill. This will be the only collection notice.

Although a large percentage of accounts which receive delinquent notices are the same each month, we will soon send letters to all members explaining the new system.

These changes are scheduled to begin within the next few months.

We would greatly appreciate your attention and cooperation with this significant change in handling delinquent accounts.



Allen Zadorozny

2010 Annual Meeting Trustee Elections Underway

Caney Valley Electric is required to give a summary of the bylaws section on the election process prior to the nominating committee meeting selecting individuals for Board of Trustee position. The following is taken from Article III (Trustees), Section 3 (Nominations) of Caney Valley's current bylaws:

It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to appoint, not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days before the date of a meeting at which Trustees are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five nor more than 11 members, who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation to the area served or to be served by the cooperative.

No officer or member of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed a member of such committee. Said committee shall nominate at least two members as candidates for each Trustee position to be elected at any annual meeting. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative, at least 25 days before the meeting, a list of nominations for Trustees; but any 15 or more members may make other nomina-

Trustees Terms Expiring in 2010

- ▶ District 1
Kenny Bates
- ▶ District 2
Carl Johnson, Jr
- ▶ District 3
Jann Bowman

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Fire Extinguishers:

A Little Preparation Can Go a Long Way

House fires can happen in seconds: in one instant, you could go from whipping up dinner to watching flames spring up from the stovetop.

Fire extinguishers should be placed in easily-accessible areas of the home, close to where they might be needed (such as in a kitchen, garage, or bedroom). Some basic rules to keep in mind when using household fire extinguishers:

- ▶ **If the fire is not spreading** and remains confined to a small area, use the appropriate type of extinguisher. Select a multi-purpose extinguisher (rated A, B, or C) with the UL mark that can be used on all types fires such as wood, cloth, paper, flammable liquids (gasoline, oil, grease, oil-based paint), and energized electrical equipment including wiring, fuse boxes, circuit breakers and appliances.
- ▶ **Know both your limits** and that of the fire extinguisher.
- ▶ **Periodically inspect** your extinguishers to determine if they need to be recharged or replaced. Extinguishers need to be recharged or replaced after each use—even if you haven't used the entire extinguishing agent. Check the gauge on the fire extinguisher for this information.
- ▶ **When operating a fire extinguisher**, stand at least six feet away from the fire and keep your back to a door so you can escape easily, if necessary.
- ▶ **Remember the word PASS:**
 - ▶ **Pull** the pin, hold the extinguisher away from you and release the locking mechanism.
 - ▶ **Aim** low, pointing the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
 - ▶ **Squeeze** the lever slowly and evenly.
 - ▶ **Sweep** the nozzle from side to side.

"Fire extinguishers for home use are not designed to fight large or spreading fires," Drenenberg said. "Rather than fighting the fire, your number one priority should be getting out safely."

2009 Caney Valley Outage Summary

Included in this centerspread is a chart showing the cooperative's outages from January 1 through December 31, 2009.

The total average outage time per meter/consumer for the year was 17.12 hours. As you can see, the majority of outages were attributed to the ice storm of March 28, plus outages due to Westar's lines being down. Since Caney Valley's lines are interconnected to Westar's lines, anytime one of their lines that feeds us goes down or is off for any reason, our substations connected to those lines also shutdown.

All other outages together amounted to 2.79 hours per consumer, which is very good. Although we would like for there to be no outages at all, that is extremely unlikely. We have no control over lightning strikes, animals getting into our unprotected equipment and accidents, plus there are times we have to take a scheduled outage in order to make repairs and or upgrades to the lines.

It is important that you take necessary measures to protect your electrical equipment and appliances against power outages or degradation. This includes adequate property insurance coverages.

We are thankful that our ongoing brush clearing program has greatly reduced outages due to trees in lines.

Caney Valley's 2009 Outages	
Cause	Ave. Hours Per Member
Storm/Major Outage Event	8.79
Power Supply	5.54
Animals	0.88
Lightning	0.81
Substation Equipment	0.40
Scheduled	0.16
Trees	0.13
Pri Conductor	0.07
OCR (Line Breaker Reset)	0.06
Accident	0.05
Poles/Fell or blew over	0.05
Broken Jumper/Hotline Clamp	0.04
Transformer, Burnout	0.04
Sectionalizing Line Fuse	0.03
Transformer, Fuse	0.02
Other	0.02
Secondary Pole Breakers	0.01
On Consumer's Side	0.01
Secondary Conductor	0.00
Pole Insulators/Deadend Bells	0.00
Primary UG	0.00
Transformers 69 KV	0.00

As always, we thank you for your patience when there is an outage, and will continually strive to keep them to a minimum and restore your service as soon as humanly possible.

2010 Annual Meeting Trustee Elections Underway

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tions in writing over their signatures not less than 20 days prior to the meeting, and the secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted... Nothing contained herein shall, however, prevent additional nominations be made from the floor at the meeting of the members.

The Caney Valley Board of Trustees will be selecting a nominat-

ing committee at their February 9, 2010, Board meeting. In the past, it has been difficult to find members able to participate on this committee. It would be very helpful to have any member contact a Trustee or the cooperative office to let us know you would like to be considered to serve on the committee.

The Annual Meeting for the cooperative will be held Tuesday, May 4, 2010, in Cedar Vale.

Recipes from Caney Valley's Members



Brenda Johnson

This recipe was submitted by Brenda Johnson, wife of Caney Valley Electric Board member Carl Johnson, Jr.



CHOCOLATE PEANUT TORTE

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| 1 box vanilla wafers, crushed | 1-16-oz Cool Whip |
| 1 stick butter, melted | 3 cups cold milk |
| 1-8-oz package cream cheese, softened | 2-3.9-oz packages instant chocolate pudding |
| 1 cup powdered sugar | 1 package Nestle Chocolate-Peanut morsels |
| ½ cup peanut butter | |

Combine vanilla wafer crumbs and butter. Press into ungreased 13x9 baking dish. Bake at 350 for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool. In mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and peanut butter until smooth. Fold in one cup Cool Whip. Spread over crust. In mixing bowl, beat milk and pudding mixes on low for two minutes. Carefully spread over cream cheese layer. Cover and refrigerate 4-6 hours. Just before serving, carefully spread remaining Cool Whip over pudding layer. Sprinkle with Nestle chocolate-peanut morsels.

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.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Use a microwave to cook when possible. They use 50-65 percent less energy than conventional ovens and don't heat your home in summer.

Outages for December 2009

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
12/16	Sedan substation	1,572	18 min	Switched feed on 69KV
12/24	Niotaze, Havana and north	100	3 hr 40 min	Broken line north of Havana
12/24	Burden, Atlanta	50	3 hrs	Westar lost phase at meter point
12/25	South of Burden and Cambridge	126	4 hrs	Westar service down
12/25	Burden, Cambridge, Atlanta	157	5 hrs	Westar service down

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	Nov. 2008	Nov. 2009
Members Billed	5,493	5,528
kWh Sold	3,870,033	4,091,270
Total Revenue	\$ 514,880	\$ 526,588
Purchased Power	\$ 283,747	\$ 326,063
Operating Expenses	\$ 152,941	\$ 168,281
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 54,359	\$ 43,913
Interest Expenses	\$ 37,803	\$ 39,073
Other Expenses	\$ 853	\$ 453
Operating Margins	\$ (14,823)	\$ (51,195)
Non-operating Margins	\$ 2,629	\$ 11,142
Total Margins	\$ (12,194)	\$ (40,053)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 219,574	\$ 268,270

Attention High School Juniors

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



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



Cale poses in front of Fish Creek Falls near Steamboat Springs.

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)