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COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for February is (\$0.00319)/kilowatt-hour (kWh) or for 1,000 kWh's will be a credit of \$3.19. The PCA was implemented in 2002 to cover only the increase (or decrease) in power costs (over and above 7¢/kWh) 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 bill.

FROM THE MANAGER

Major Ice Storm Causes System-Wide Outages



Allen Zadorozny

A major ice storm moved into Oklahoma and Kansas on December 27, resulting in major outages for numerous utilities. At one point, Caney Valley lost service to all 10 substations as the transmission feeds from Westar were lost on both sides of our system.

Caney Valley crews worked to restore known damages while waiting on Westar to make repairs on their system. Office staff answered phone calls from cooperative members throughout the night and following day. Power was restored by Westar to our transmission lines about 12:30 p.m. on Monday, and service to all residential meters on our system was restored by 9 p.m. Monday.

In all, Caney Valley was fortunate to have only eight poles broken by the wind and ice. Other cooperatives were not so lucky, especially in Oklahoma.

We would like to thank all of our members for your patience as crews worked to restore service. It is always much appreciated.

At right is a chart showing outages throughout the system for 2015. This ice storm caused nearly 79 percent of our total outages for last year.

Please contact me for any questions or comments you may have.

Allen Zadorozny, Manager

2015 Outage Causes	
Storm/Major Outage Event	78.6%
Power Supply	6.6%
Lightning	4.3%
Trees	3.1%
Animals	2.7%
Broken Jumper/Hotline Clamp	0.7%
OCR (Line Breaker Reset)	0.5%
Poles/Fell or blew over	0.5%
Scheduled	0.5%
Other	0.4%
Transformer, Fuse	0.3%
Accident	0.3%
Sectionalizing Line Fuse	0.3%
Transformer, Burnout	0.3%
Pri Conductor	0.2%
On Consumer's Side	0.2%
Secondary Conductor	0.1%
Pole Insul/Deadend Bells	0.1%

Check Us Out on Facebook!

Be sure and check out our new Facebook page under Caney Valley Electric Cooperative. We will be posting current information, safety and energy tips, information on large or extended outages, etc. Our goal is to improve communication with our members in a timely manner. Please continue to call us at 800-310-8911 or 620-758-2262 to report trouble or outages. Our Facebook page is not monitored 24/7.



Why Electric Co-ops Replace Utility Poles

You probably don't pay much attention to the utility poles found throughout Caney Valley's service territory, but did you know these tall structures are the backbone of our distribution network?

Strong, sturdy utility poles ensure a reliable electric system, which is why we routinely inspect the thousands of poles found on our lines. Throughout the year, our crews check poles for decay caused by exposure to the elements. They know which poles are oldest and conduct inspections through a rotational process. Typically, a standard wooden distribution pole is expected to last more than 50 years.

Occasionally, poles need to be replaced for other reasons besides decay and old age. Weather disasters, power line relocation and car crashes are potential causes for immediate replacement. When possible, Caney Valley communicates when and where pole replacements will take place so that you stay informed of where crews will be working.

Here is a quick breakdown of how crews replace a utility pole: When a pole needs to be replaced, crews start the process by digging a hole. The depth of the hole must be 15 percent of the new pole's height. Next, the new pole must be fitted with bolts, cross arms, insulators, ground wires and arm braces—all of the necessary parts for delivering safe and reliable electricity. Then, crews safely detach the power lines from the old pole.

The new pole is then raised and guided carefully into position, and the lines are attached, leaving the new pole to do its job.

So, the next time you come across a Caney Valley Electric crew replacing a pole, use caution and know that this process ensures a more reliable electric system for you, our members.

Join us on April 1 in Cedar Vale

Caney Valley's Annual Meeting will be held Friday, April 1, 2016, at the Cedar Vale School Gymnasium. A free meal will be served starting at 5:30 p.m., and the meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m. Be sure to attend and take part!

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We hope to see you there!

Sprayer For Sale by Sealed Bid



This John Bean 300-gallon sprayer with tank is available by sealed bid until Feb. 11 at 4:30 p.m. Caney Valley has the right to refuse all bids.

Caney Valley Electric will be accepting sealed bids for a 1990 John Bean 300-gallon tank and sprayer until February 11 at 4:30 p.m. Items up for bid can be viewed at our warehouse at 401 Lawrence in Cedar Vale.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 758-2262 or 800-310-8911. Caney Valley has the right to refuse all bids.



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

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

**APPLICATION DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 29, 2016**

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

Award recipients will be announced at our Annual Meeting on April 1, 2016.



Attention High School Juniors

Win a FREE Leadership Experience!

Caney Valley Electric Cooperative will sponsor two students to an all-expenses-paid trip to Steamboat Springs, CO, July 16-22, 2016.

This trip is part of a four-state Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp sponsored by

rural electric cooperatives in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming. Contest winners will learn about electrification, cooperatives, energy challenges, safety, and interpersonal communications.

The contest is open to all cur-



Adam Clark (left) and Bailee Ellis represented Caney Valley at the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in July 2015.

rent 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 **return by February 16**.

“The Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp is specifically designed to empower student leaders and help them better understand the cooperative business model.”

ADAM CLARK, 2015 CAMPER

What will You do at Camp?

DAY ONE Meet the bus and stay overnight in Denver.

DAY TWO Visit Lookout Mountain. Check into cabins. Meet students from Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming.

DAY THREE Form a candy cooperative. Participate in the legislative forum. Build a transmission line competition. Visit Steamboat Springs and Fish Creek Falls. Attend a high-voltage demonstration.

DAY FOUR Rafting trip on the Colorado River. Attend camp dance.

DAY FIVE Leadership workshop and live raptor presentation by Hawk Quest. Play in the volleyball tournament. Camp talent show!

DAY SIX Tour Trapper Coal Mine and Craig Generation Plant. Visit Mt. Werner for banquet and vote for Ambassadors.

DAY SEVEN Return home.

Apply for Your Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp Today

Complete and return this application to Caney Valley Electric Cooperative, PO Box 308, Cedar Vale, KS 67024 by February 16.

Name of Applicant _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School _____

Name of Parents/Guardians _____ Parent's Phone Number _____

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

Signature of Applicant _____

I hereby grant permission for _____ to enter the 2016 Youth Tour competition sponsored by Caney Valley Electric.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

New Electric Bill Statements

In January, the cooperative sent electric bills on statement forms for the first time. Efforts were made to make the new billing forms and content as correct as possible. However, if you have found any errors on your bill, or have any questions, please contact customer service for assistance.

We also want to remind members that the electric bills, bill history, and bill payments can be viewed by clicking on the link on the cooperative's website.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found online at www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html or at any USDA office, or call 866-632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax 202-690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

Caney Valley's Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	Nov. 2015	Nov. 2014
Meters Billed	5,439	5,585
kWh's Purchased	4,910,320	5,744,302
Cost per kWh	\$ 0.07628	\$ 0.07276
kWh Sold	4,440,764	5,122,382
Total Revenue	\$ 699,103	\$ 793,775
Purchased Power	\$ 374,855	\$ 418,090
Operating Expenses	\$ 197,645	\$ 83,872
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 63,168	\$ 57,333
Interest Expenses	\$ 39,037	\$ 41,729
Other Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 600
Operating Margins	\$ 24,399	\$ 192,152
Non-operating Margins	\$ 35,360	\$ 1,819
Total Margins	\$ 59,759	\$ 193,971
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 1,064,149	\$ 643,109

Area 5th Graders Participate in Poster Contest

In honor of National Cooperative Month, Caney Valley Electric again invited area fifth graders to participate in an electrical safety poster contest.

Students were asked to submit original drawings or posters that depicted some area of electrical safety. The posters were judged by a three-person committee, and one winner from each school won \$25. Included this month are posters submitted by students from Cedar Vale Elementary.

Thank you to all the students who participated.

Posters by Cedar Vale Elementary students Caden Woods (above), Brandy Myers (center) and Taylor Rainbolt (bottom).

