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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for February is \$.01088/kWh. This calculates to an additional \$10.88 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

2009 Reports Show the Cooperative in Good Standing

The 2009 financial and statistical reports show that the cooperative had a satisfactory year.

For the number of meters and types of electric loads the cooperative serves, the operating margin (profit) of \$177,376 was satisfactory.

The operating expenses for the year were \$131,197 less than 2008's. The wholesale power costs were \$108,053 more than last year due to the purchase of 1,531,652 more kWh's.

The revenues were \$190,916 more this year, as there were 2,025,965 more kWh's sold. The average number of meters billed each month was 5,514 compared to 5,449 last year. The line loss dropped from 9.1 to 8.1 percent.

When you receive this issue of *The Voice*, it will be the first of March. Hopefully the first two months of 2010 will look as promising as the 2009 results.



Allen Zadorozny

Caney Valley Changes Disconnect Notice Procedures

Caney Valley has implemented 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 regarding expenses involved covering labor, forms, and postage. Due to the expenses and time involved, the **delinquent notices will no longer be mailed.**

Members who have outstanding (unpaid) 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.

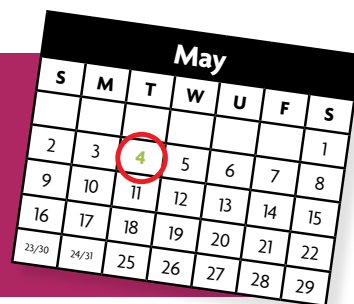
Although a large percentage of accounts which receive delinquent notices are the same each month, we plan to send letters to all members explaining the new system. These changes are scheduled to begin within the next few months.

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

Mark Your Calendars!

We hope to see you at the Caney Valley Electric Annual Meeting May 4, 2010, at the Cedar Vale High School gymnasium. The meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. with the business meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

We hope to see you there!





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.

Operating Statistics		
For Month Ending	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2009
Members Billed	5,471	5,503
kWh Sold	4,088,551	4,561,841
Total Revenue	\$ 498,616	\$ 582,428
Purchased Power	\$ 346,381	\$ 372,010
Operating Expenses	\$ 188,261	\$ 165,699
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 43,390	\$ 43,974
Interest Expenses	\$ 36,481	\$ 35,741
Other Expenses	\$ 373	\$ 1,214
Operating Margins	\$ (116,271)	\$ (36,209)
Non-operating Margins	\$ 179,156	\$ 308,306
Total Margins	\$ 62,885	\$ 272,097
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 282,459	\$ 540,367

Caney Valley Receives Safety Award



The KEC LCS&C department, presents Caney Valley manager Allen Zadorozny with a certificate of recognition for the cooperative's safety achievement. From left: Todd Bailey and Stacey Marston, LCS&C instructors; Allen Zadorozny, Caney Valley manager; and Larry Detwiler director of LCS&C.

Caney Valley Electric was recently honored with a No-Lost-Time award for safety in the workplace at the Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., Annual Meeting.

Caney Valley employees worked 90,628 man hours from December 5, 2007, to December 31, 2009, without a lost-time accident.

This recognition is the result of the employee staff's daily awareness of proper safe work procedures and using them on a routine basis.

Safety for our employees and the general public is of paramount importance to the cooperative. We greatly appreciate everyone working toward an accident-free environment.

Do it Yourself Project Safety Tips for Spring

Spring is the time of year when many individuals begin work on home improvements. Safety tips to keep in mind:

- ▶ **Look up and around you.** Be sure to lower your long equipment when you are moving it. Carry ladders and other long items horizontally whenever possible. Remember, aluminum ladders, as well as wooden ladders, can conduct electricity. Fiberglass provides better protection against electric shock.
- ▶ **Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your**

house. Keep equipment and yourself at least 10 feet from lines. Never trim trees near power lines—leave that to the professionals. Never use water or blower extensions to clean gutters near electric lines. Contact a professional maintenance contractor.

▶ **If your projects include digging, call your local underground utility locator before you begin.** Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. This service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted, and can help you avoid serious injury.

Outages for January 2010

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
1/18	Atlanta, Cambridge, Burden	283	28 min	Westar off
1/20	Chautauqua area	30	40 min	Reset OCR

Recipes from Caney Valley's Members



Mack and Joy Chrisman

The following recipes were submitted by Mack and Joy Chrisman of Sedan. Mack was an employee of Caney Valley Electric for 43 years. He retired in 1998. He and Joy continue to bring in goodies for the cooperative employees every Christmas and they don't last long around here!



BONBONS

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| 2 lb. powdered sugar | 2 tsp. vanilla |
| 1 lb. flaked coconut | 1 (12 oz) pkg chocolate chips |
| 1 ½ c. nuts | ¼ lb. paraffin |
| 1 c. Eagle Brand milk | |
| 2 sticks oleo (melted) | |

Mix together the sugar, coconut, and nuts. Add to the oleo, vanilla, and milk. Mix with hands and roll into balls. Chill for 30 minutes. Dip the balls in the chocolate chip-paraffin mixture, which has been melted together in a double boiler, then re-chill.



DATE NUT CRUNCHIES

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| ¼ lb. oleo | In a heavy gauge pan, cook the first three ingredients until gooey. Remove from heat; add vanilla, then stir in the nuts and mix well. Add the Rice Krispies and mix well, then make spoon size balls and roll in powdered sugar. Makes around 60 spoon size balls. |
| ¾ c. sugar | |
| 1 small box chopped dates | |
| 1 tsp. vanilla | |
| 1 ½ c. chopped nuts | |
| 3 c. Rice Krispies | |
| Powdered sugar | |



EASY APPLE DUMPLINGS

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| 2 Granny Smith apples | 1 tsp. cinnamon |
| 2 cans crescent rolls | 1 stick butter |
| 1 c. sugar | 12 oz. Mountain Dew |

Peel and slice each apple into 8 slices. Roll each apple slice in a crescent roll and line a 9x13 inch baking pan. Melt butter. Add sugar and cinnamon to melted butter; stir. Pour over apple slices. Pour Mountain Dew on top and bake in a 350° oven for 30 minutes or until rolls are brown and apples are tender.

Reminder: Notify the Cooperative to Reconcile Family Estates

Caney Valley Needs Notification to Terminate Accounts and Pay Capital Credits

From time-to-time our office personnel become aware that an account is being continued in a deceased person's name, even several months or years after their death.

Please be aware that the cooperative's bylaws and policies state that upon the death of a member, their membership in the cooperative shall also terminate, and no capital credits can be allocated to the deceased member after death.

Our bylaws also state that capital credits under the deceased person's name can be paid out if the proper forms are submitted to our office and all final electric bills are paid under that person's name.

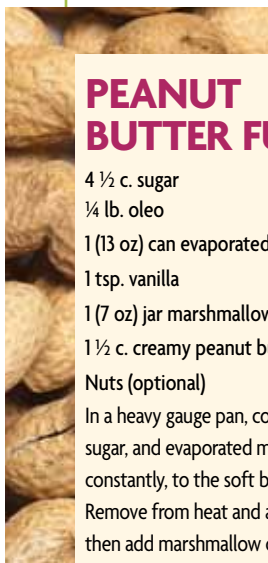
We understand that it may take several weeks to make the proper arrangements following the death of a loved one. However, we urge you to have the electric billings changed over as soon as possible so that your family can receive the capital credit payments you may be due.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact our office at 620-758-2262.

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PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE

4 ½ c. sugar
¼ lb. oleo
1 (13 oz) can evaporated milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 (7 oz) jar marshmallow crème
1 ½ c. creamy peanut butter
Nuts (optional)
In a heavy gauge pan, cook oleo, sugar, and evaporated milk, stirring constantly, to the soft ball stage. Remove from heat and add vanilla, then add marshmallow crème and blend completely. Add peanut butter and completely blend it in. Pour into a wax paper lined jelly roll pan. Makes about 4 ½ pounds.

You can also make chocolate fudge by adding one 12-ounce package of chocolate chips in place of the peanut butter.

How to Submit

To submit your recipe please send the following information:

- Your name
- Contact information
- Photo of yourself or the finished product
- 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

Interested in Wind Power? First, Estimate the Cost

Many co-op members in Kansas are interested in installing small renewable energy systems—particularly wind turbines—at their homes, businesses, or farms.

Many are looking for reliable answers to two questions: How much money can I save on future electric bills? Will the savings justify my initial investment?

In response, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., (KEC) has posted a worksheet utilizing Microsoft Excel on their Web site to help with these critical calculations.

Dubbed the Small Wind Cash Flow Model, this free tool enables members to input variables such as construction cost, grants, debt financing, operation and maintenance expenses, generation, consumption, retail electric rates, avoided cost, and project life.

Once the numbers are en-

tered, a prospective wind turbine owner can determine annual cash flows and the net present value from the investment under either a net billing or net metering arrangement.

“With this program, anyone can quickly determine the feasibility of putting in a small wind turbine,” said Doug Shepherd, KEC’s vice president, member services.

The Small Wind Cash Flow Model can be accessed through KEC’s Web site at www.kec.org/smallwindcashflow.aspx.



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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

A significant amount of the average home energy bill pays for heating water. Take five-minute showers instead of baths and make sure your water heater is set no higher than 120° F.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy