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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for March is \$.02038/kilowatt-hour. This calculates to an additional \$20.38 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

Board Considers 15 Year Term Limit

The trustees serving on the board of your cooperative take their positions and responsibilities seriously. The operations and administration of the cooperative have become more complex than ever, requiring the need for their formal training and practical experience from attending board meetings and related electric cooperative functions. It takes time for the trustees to develop the background knowledge to perform their duties in the best manner possible.

Provisions in the cooperative's by-laws limit the number of consecutive years a trustee may serve on the board to nine, or three terms. Some electric cooperatives have "term limits" other than nine years, while others have no term limits.

Recognizing that trustees who have served for nine years are in their prime of governing the cooperative, yet they must leave the board, has caused the board to approve presenting a by-law amendment to increase the term limits to 15 consecutive years.

The by-law amendment must be considered for approval by the members at the annual meeting in Sedan on May 3.

The by-law language pertaining to this issue in Article III, Section 2, is as follows: "...No member shall be eligible to become or remain a Trustee or to hold any position of trust in this Cooperative who has served three consecutive terms as trustee without a one-term layout. (A term shall be designated as three consecutive years.)..."

The amended by-law language would change three consecutive terms to five consecutive terms. The proposed amendment has been considered for revision many times through the years. The Board now has taken action to bring the proposed amendment to the members.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Allen A. Zadorozny, Manager



Allen Zadorozny

Mark Your Calendars!

We hope to see you at the Caney Valley Electric Annual Meeting May 3, 2011, at the Sedan Fairgrounds.

We hope to see you there!



Notice Regarding Proposed By-law Amendment

The Cooperative's Board of Trustees has proposed a by-law amendment to be presented to the members at the annual meeting in Sedan, May 3, 2011. The by-law amendment would allow trustees to serve on the board for 15 consecutive years rather than the present limit of 9 consecutive years.

Following is the excerpt from the by-laws which would be considered for amendment: From Article III, Section 2, "...No member shall be eligible to become or remain a Trustee or to hold any position of trust in this Cooperative who has served three consecutive terms as Trustee without a one-term layout. (A term shall be designated as three consecutive years.)..."

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Please contact Allen Zadorozny, Manager, for further information.

Rebates Available with Caney Valley

We have rebates available for the following appliances:

- ▶ **New Electric Dryer**—for installation in new construction or to replace a non-electric unit, we will give a \$100 rebate. Unit must be at least 4,000 watts, installation must be verified by cooperative personnel, and the member must provide proof of purchase.
- ▶ **New Electric Range**—for installation in new construction or to replace a non-electric unit, we will give a \$100 rebate. Unit must be at least 10,000 watts, installation must be verified by cooperative personnel, and the member must provide proof of purchase.
- ▶ **New Electric Water Heater**—for installation in new construction, or to replace a non-electric unit, Caney Valley will provide a rebate of \$150 for the purchase of a standard (non-lifetime) water heater, or \$200



Caney Valley provides a \$200 rebate for ground source heat pumps like this one.

for the purchase of a lifetime water heater. If you are replacing an electric unit, the rebates will be \$100 for a new standard unit, or \$150 for a lifetime unit. The minimum size requirement is 40-gallon, with an Energy Factor (EF) of .93

- ▶ **New Electric Air-Source or Ground-Source Heat Pump**—for installation in new construction, or to replace an electric or non-electric unit, we will provide a \$200 rebate in addition to the rebate Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) provides. Rebates vary depending on size, type of unit and SEER rating. Contact us for further information.



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

Cooperative Receives No-Loss-Time Award

Caney Valley Electric employees were honored recently at the Kansas Electric Cooperatives (KEC) annual meeting in Topeka with a No-Loss-Time Award.

Your cooperative employees have worked a total of 132,993 hours without experiencing an accident that resulted in lost work days. The last loss time accident was December 5, 2007.

Safety at work is stressed by the board and management at Caney Valley Electric. Monthly safety meetings are held to continually remind employees of the importance of safety in the workplace. Meetings address issues dealing with chemicals used in the workplace, care and testing of hot line tools and protective grounding equipment, regulator and recloser basics, pole top/bucket rescue, hazard recognition, and many others. Meetings are conducted in the office by staff or by representatives of KEC, and employees are often sent to attend various schools and trainings specific to their particular job.

Congratulations to the employees of Caney Valley for earning this award!

In Memory of Wanda Goode & Gary Myers

The cooperative family is mourning the loss of two previous employees, Wanda Goode and Gary Myers.

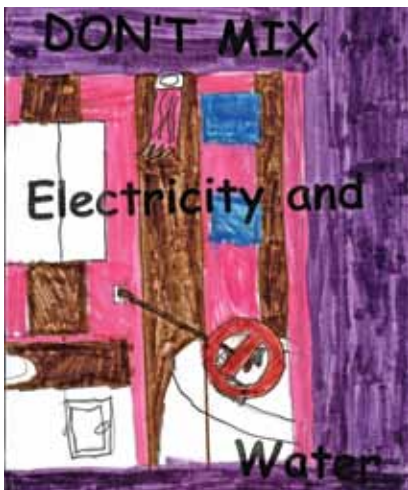
WANDA GOODE passed away February 4, 2011. She started working at Caney Valley Electric in the office December, 1964, as a cashier and later was promoted to assistant accountant. She retired on April

15, 1985.

GARY MYERS was employed at Caney Valley from May 1976 to June 1990. He began as an apprentice lineman and later moved into the office as a custodian. He passed away February 7, 2011.

Our condolences to out to the families of both of these employees.

Local Fifth Graders Promote Electrical Safety



Above: Heath Town, Elk Valley Elementary. Left: Kayla Kinsman, Elk Valley Elementary.

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

We'd like to thank 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!

Congratulations to all of our winners this year!

Outages for January 2011

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Fortunately, we only had one large outage in January.

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
1/31	North of Peru	25	40 min	Scheduled outage to make repairs



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, 2011.

Please contact Caney Valley Electric or your high school counselor for further information. Award recipients will be announced at our Annual Meeting on May 3, 2011.

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	Dec 2010	Dec 2009
Meters Billed	5,543	5,503
kWh Sold	4,748,285	4,561,841
Total Revenue	\$ 658,921	\$ 582,428
Purchased Power	\$ 413,234	\$ 372,010
Operating Expenses	\$ 153,264	\$ 165,698
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 47,788	\$ 43,974
Interest Expenses	\$ 28,004	\$ 35,741
Other Expenses	\$ 491	\$ 1,214
Operating Margins	\$ 16,140	\$ (36,209)
Non-operating Margins	\$ 258,952	\$ 308,306
Total Margins	\$ 275,092	\$ 272,097
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 677,023	\$ 540,367

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS

“Happy” Summer Comfort BY DOUG RYE

I decided to splurge and take my wife to a lodge at one of our great state parks to help bring in 2011. It is difficult for me to stay up much past the late news, but I can do it if I am in good company and if someone will give me a free New Year's hat and silly little horn.

There was only one place to eat and it was the nice restaurant at the lodge. By the time you have been there for two full days and eaten six straight meals with the same people, you begin to feel like family. In this case it was super nice.

At that time, I had not yet made a New Year's resolution. I heard the word happy so many times and was wishing everyone a Happy New Year, so I made my 2011 resolution. I will be happy regardless of the circumstances.

Although I am not convinced that it is necessary to have total temperature comfort for one to be happy, I am convinced that everyone would like to have comfort. In this and next month's column, I am going to teach you everything I know about temperature comfort in your house.

The first thing to know is that not everyone has the same comfort temperature. Some like it hotter and some like it colder. Based on the calls that I get at the office I could say that a husband and wife rarely agree on which temperature is best. One lady told me, in a kidding tone, that her husband was more worried about his cattle being comfortable than her. That was on January 9 when it was snowing in Arkansas.

Comfort is usually related to both the air temperature and the relative humidity. Gener-

ally speaking, folks are most comfortable if the temperature is about 74 degrees with a relative humidity of about 50 percent. Remember that relative humidity is the percentage of moisture in the air compared to the most moisture that the air could hold at a certain temperature.

Let's start with some summer comfort tips. I have never had a person tell me that their house was too dry in the summer. Let's take a day when the temperature is 90 degrees. If the relative humidity is 70 percent, you will feel sticky hot because the moisture on the skin cannot evaporate and cool the body. So you turn on your AC unit. An AC unit cools by removing heat and humidity. As the humidity is lowered, the skin moisture evaporates and you feel cooler.

That same 90-degree day in Arizona with 50 percent humidity would be like going to heaven because the skin moisture evaporates so easily. So that 90-degree air at 50 percent is much dryer than the 90-degree air at 70 percent.

If it were raining on a 90-degree day, the relative humidity would be right at 100 percent in either state. How can we relate this to your house for better comfort?

Well, if it is a hot 90 to 70-degree humidity day and your house has lots of air infiltration, leakage in the return air system, unvented bath areas, or anything making moisture the air conditioning unit will have to work harder and longer to keep you in the comfort range.

If your air conditioning unit is oversized, it will not run long enough to remove the humidity, so you will probably lower the thermostat setting to make the unit run longer. All this means higher utility bills.

The solution is to caulk, repair ductwork, vent bathrooms, etc., and then purchase a properly sized air conditioning unit when needed.

This really isn't complicated if you take it one step at a time. So, I suggest that you let this much absorb and not evaporate and next month we will discuss winter comfort tips.

DOUG RYE is a licensed architect and the popular host of the “Home Remedies” radio show. You can contact Doug at 501-653-7931. Source: Arkansas Electric Cooperatives Corporation.



Doug Rye

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Find out how the little changes like caulking windows can add up at TogetherWeSave.com.