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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for June is \$.02284/kilowatt-hour. This calculates to an additional \$22.84 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

Power Cost Adjustment Outlook for 2010



Allen Zadorozny

The PCA is expected to increase in 2010 based upon the higher fuel costs involved with generation and operations.

A year ago we presented information about the power cost adjustments (PCA) added to your electric bill each month for the last several years.

This month we are providing an update to review how the PCA has affected your bills so far this year compared to the past four.

As you can see in the chart, this year's PCA's have been higher each month over last year, except for April. Overall, the PCA had a slight increase in 2009 over 2008 after the decrease shown in 2007.

Unfortunately, the PCA is expected to increase based upon the higher fuel costs involved with the generation and the overall general operations related to electric power plants and need to build new high voltage transmission lines.

We are displaying the monthly amounts above because you, our members, need to be aware of how the PCA has affected your electric bills in the past, and to know where they are likely to be headed.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss these important matters any time.

Power Cost Adjustment (PCA)

Comparison Cents per kWh					
Month	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
January	2.123	1.161	.876	1.377	.904
February	1.153	1.118	.327	.422	.675
March	1.088	.914	.966	.491	.802
April	1.447	1.580	.944	.514	1.021
May	1.566	1.316	1.000	1.080	1.680
June		1.300	1.921	1.208	1.680
July		1.596	1.907	1.175	1.082
August		2.063	2.566	.918	2.119
September		2.031	2.559	1.696	2.543
October		2.468	2.762	2.312	2.473
November		2.068	2.072	1.687	.727
December		1.958	1.180	1.476	1.779
Annual Average		1.674	1.628	1.306	1.531



Don't forget to celebrate with your dad this Father's Day on Sunday, June 20.

2010 Caney Valley Annual Meeting Well Attended

Close to 500 people attended Caney Valley Electric's annual meeting on May 4, 2010, at the school gymnasium in Cedar Vale.

Those attending were treated to supper prepared by the Cedar Vale Lions Club, attendance prizes, and the opportunity to win numerous electrical prizes. Entertainment was provided by the Country Posse.

Board President Dale Clubine opened the meeting, welcomed all the members present, and introduced the Board of Trustees, management and counsel.

Special guests in attendance were Bob Bowser, Vice President of Technical Services at Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) in Topeka, and Bob Rauckman, Director of Finance for Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., also in Topeka.

The 2010-2011 scholarship winners were announced. Each of the following students will receive a \$600 scholarship: Julia Arentz, Sarah Massey and Macy Warburton from Cedar Vale High School; Amber Defore from Dexter High School; Tosha Wade from Elk Valley High School; and Jolene Reed from Sedan High School.

Cathy Call, Cedar Vale High School, and Sarah Tatum, Central of Burden, were selected to represent Caney Valley Electric at the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp held in Steamboat Springs, CO, in July.

Allen Zadorozny, Manager, presented the annual report and noted two significant events that occurred on the system in 2009.

One was the ice storm in March that affected the eastern part of Cowley County and the western part of Elk County, causing approximately \$2 million in damages. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds aided the cooperative in making repairs due to the ice storm.

The other event was the tornadoic winds that damaged two miles of transmission line several miles west of Cedar Vale. Costs to repair this came to about \$500,000.

Zadorozny added that Caney Valley is in good financial condition, is meeting all the federal financial requirements, and is current on all loans.

Caney Valley's base electric rates have been stable since 1993, although the power cost adjustment

(PCA) continues to rise and fluctuate due to the increase in purchased power costs.

The State of Kansas is considering repealing the sales tax exemption on residential usage. If this is passed, residential members could see a five percent increase on their electric bills.

He completed his report by encouraging all members to contact him with any questions or concerns regarding the cooperative.

Marla Ware, Counsel, then gave the results on the election of Trustees. Incumbents Kenny Bates, Cedar Vale, District 1; and Carl Johnson Jr., Atlanta, District 2 were re-elected. George Tolbert, Sedan, was elected to serve his first term in District 3.

Special thanks goes to KEPCo, Kriz Davis Electric Wholesale Supply, Kisatchie Pole Company, Diversified Electric, and McFarland Cascade Pole Company, for donating prizes for the meeting.



2010 Scholarship Winners



Julia Arentz



Amber Defore



Sarah Massey



Tosha Wade



Macy Warburton

Not pictured Jolene Reed



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1. Members were entertained by the Country Posse prior to the meeting
2. President Dale Clubine welcomes members and guests to the 62nd annual meeting of the cooperative.
3. Members listen attentively during the business meeting
4. Allen Zadorozny, Manager (left) congratulates Alan Hull giving 30 years of service to the cooperative.
5. Allen Zadorozny, Manager (left) presents Sally Sturges with a plaque to commemorate her 30 years at the cooperative.
6. Robert French (right) is recognized by Manager Allen Zadorozny for his 30 years of service to the cooperative.

Play Up Outdoor Electrical Safety to Children

Warm, sunny days beckon the child in all of us to head outside and play. Caney Valley Electric Cooperative recommends that families review and stress to children to follow simple electrical safety rules for safe outdoor play.

Help keep your kids out of harm's way when they play outdoors. Children often do not understand the dangers of electricity. Make them aware of overhead power lines and electrical equipment, and emphasize they should never climb or play near them.

We recommend that children be taught to follow these rules:

- ▶ **Never climb trees near power lines.** Even if the power lines are not touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to the branch.
- ▶ **Fly kites and model airplanes in large open areas like a park or a field, safely away from trees and overhead power lines.** If a kite gets stuck in a tree that's near power lines, don't climb up to get it. Contact your local electric cooperative for assistance.
- ▶ **Never climb a utility pole or tower.**
- ▶ **Don't play on or around pad-mounted electrical equipment.**
- ▶ **Never go into an electric substation for any reason.** Electric substations contain high-voltage equipment, which can be deadly. Never rescue a pet or retrieve a ball or toy that goes inside. Call your local electric cooperative instead.

When designing an outdoor play area for your children, do not install playground equipment or swimming pools underneath or near power lines. Protect all family members from serious shock and injuries by installing and using outdoor outlets with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI). Use portable GFCIs for outdoor outlets that don't have them. Be careful using electrical appliances outdoors, even if plugged into GFCI-equipped outlets.

Water always attracts kids, but water and electricity never mix. Teach older children to exercise caution before plugging in a radio, CD player, or any electrical gadget outdoors, and keep all electrical appliances at least ten feet away from hot tubs, pools, ponds, puddles and wet surfaces.

Make sure all of your family members know to stay away from downed power lines and wires, and tell children to report to an adult any fallen or dangling wires.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS

Bigger isn't Better! BY DOUG RYE



Doug Rye

“If it is worth doing, do it right.”

Bigger isn't better! What is the proper size heating and cooling system for your house or business? The answer is—the size that will heat your structure on the coldest winter night and cool it on the hottest summer day.

That sounds simple enough, but you might be surprised to learn that most houses and other structures have a much larger unit than they need. Oversized systems have several disadvantages.

- ▶ **No. 1:** Oversized units cost more.
- ▶ **No. 2:** Oversized cooling systems don't run enough to remove humidity, thereby allowing the air to feel sticky and giving mold the chance to form. It takes an air conditioner compressor about seven minutes of run time to reach its maximum efficiency. It uses the most energy when it first starts. That's the reason lights dim in some buildings when the air conditioning unit kicks on.
- ▶ **No. 3:** Oversized units simply require more electricity to operate than do smaller units.
- ▶ **No. 4:** Oversized units have a shorter lifespan than one that is properly sized.

On the other hand, properly sized units have many advantages.

First of all, they provide a better, more even air comfort level (no one needs sudden hot or cold blasts of air). When it comes to heat pumps, it is absolutely essential that they be sized properly for the air to feel sufficiently warm during cold weather.

So what size system do you need? Beats me! The bad news is, I need to know a lot of things about your home or business to answer that question. I need to know the location of the structure (South Texas or North Michigan?), the direction the house faces (west is the hot side), ceiling height, insulation values, air infiltration problems (fireplaces, vents), type of windows, number of people in the structure and heat producing equipment (stoves, popcorn machines).

Yes, many things affect the size of your system. The good news is that it isn't that difficult to calculate. Now, please heed my advice. Don't let Bubba, Doug Rye, or anyone guess at the size heating and cooling system you need. Instead, make sure your contractor takes the time to calculate the proper size unit you need.

Like my daddy said, "If it is worth doing, do it right." If you need help sizing your system, call me at the office at 501-653- 7931. I'll be glad to help.

DOUG RYE is a licensed architect and the popular host of the "Home Remedies" radio show. You can contact Doug at 888-Doug-Rye. Source: Arkansas Electric Cooperatives Corporation.

Outages for April 2010

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Below are the larger outages that occurred during April 2010.

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
4/2	South of Dexter	60	4 hrs 30 min	Tree fell through line
4/2	Howard area	90	3 hrs	Wind storm blew several objects through lines
4/2	A-phase on Grenola sub	100	2 hrs	Wind storm wrapped lines together
4/5	Burden/Cambridge/Atlanta	154	45 min	Westar off
4/5	North of Dexter	125	23 min	Westar off
4/22	Chautauqua/Peru area	50	1 hr 15 min	Line breaker off

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	March 2010	March 2009
Meters Billed	5,511	5,504
kWh Sold	5,499,969	4,289,308
Total Revenue	\$ 637,445	\$ 512,954
Purchased Power	\$ 330,925	\$ 293,414
Operating Expenses	\$ 152,614	\$ 123,610
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 44,532	\$ 43,975
Interest Expenses	\$ 32,697	\$ 33,119
Other Expenses	\$ 2,909	\$ 100
Operating Margins	\$ 73,768	\$ 18,736
Non-operating Margins	\$ 18,149	\$ 1,958
Total Margins	\$ 91,917	\$ 20,694
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 221,700	\$ 185,848