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## THE CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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#### Office Hours

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

#### Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for July is \$.02361/kilowatt-hour. This calculates to an additional \$23.61 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). 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

### Caney Valley Encourages Peak Control

This month we are asking you to participate in the “Peak Control” program. This voluntary program can help hold down the wholesale power costs incurred by the cooperative.

The peak demand for electricity recorded in July and August drives a major part of the wholesale power billing process for the eight off-peak months that follow, October through May. The lower the peak demand registered, the lower demand charges will be.

#### What is Peak Control?

Peak Control is a voluntary program in which our members can participate to hold down electricity costs to both Caney Valley ECA and themselves.

#### What Can You Do To Participate in Peak Control?

You can participate by voluntarily monitoring when you use electric equipment and appliances which require larger amounts of electricity.

#### When Do You Need to Participate in Peak Control?

During the hours of 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. every weekday from June 1 through September 30.

The actual peak demand for June, July, August and September is the billing demand for each respective month. **Special emphasis is placed during July and August**, as the peak electricity demand registered by Caney Valley ECA during those two months drives the electricity billings for the following eight months. Be aware of days that have high temperatures forecasted above 90 degrees. These are the type of days when peak demands usually occur.

#### What are the Benefits of Taking Part in Peak Control?

By helping hold the line for the kW demand charges on Caney Valley ECA's wholesale electric bill, you will also limit the amount of the resulting power cost adjustment (PCA) charges added to your electric bills.

Please contact our office at 758-2261 or 800-310-8911 for any questions you may have. Thank you for your participation in this program.



Allen Zadorozny

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# Know What's Below: Call Before You Dig

Whether it's a dreamed up deck addition or a landscaping masterpiece, summer is a great time to take advantage of the weather and execute outdoor improvement plans.

If your planned projects include digging, like planting a tree or bringing in a backhoe for trench work, you'll have to wait a few more days so the job can be done safely. Underground utilities, such as buried gas, water, and electric lines, can be a shovel thrust away from turning a summer project into a disaster.

To find out where utility lines run on your property, dial 811 from anywhere in the country a few days prior to digging. Your call will be routed to a local "one call" center. Tell the operator where you're planning to dig and what type of work you will be doing, and affected utilities will be notified.

In a few days, a locator will arrive to designate the approximate location of any underground lines, pipes, and cables with flags or marking paint so you'll know what's below. Then the safe digging can begin.

Although many homeowners tackling do-it-yourself digging



**Check for utility lines before digging to prevent damage, especially when the task calls for a deeper hole, such as one requiring the use of a post hole digger.**

projects are aware of "Call Before You Dig" services, the majority don't take advantage of the service. A national survey showed that only 33 percent of homeowners called to have their lines marked before starting digging projects, according to the Common Ground Alliance, a federally mandated group of underground utility and damage prevention industry professionals.

Light gardening typically doesn't call for deep digging, however other seemingly simple tasks, like planting shrubs or installing a

new mailbox post, can damage utility lines. A severed line can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm diggers and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. There's no need: the 811 service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted, and can help you avoid serious injury. For more information about local services, visit [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com).

## Outages for May 2010

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
5/2	Burden, Cambridge, Atlanta	282	1 hr	Westar off
5/10	SW of Dexter	158	4 hrs	Westar down - tornado damage
5/10	B phase to Wayside	50	1 hr 45 min	Wind damage
5/10	Sedan, Cedar Vale, Dexter areas	2654	30 min	Sumner-Cowley 69KV down
5/13	Sedan, Cedar Vale, Maple City areas	2496	15 min	Westar off
5/13	Grenola, Moline, Howard areas	482	4 hrs	Westar off-broken jumper
5/19	Sedan cemetery area	65	1 hr 30 min	Lightning
5/19	South of Peru	65	2 hr 30 min	Bad insulator
5/30	North of Dexter	50	3 hr 40 min	Westar C-phase off

## Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	April 2010	April 2009
Meters Billed	5,516	5,515
kWh Sold	4,699,286	4,366,390
Total Revenue	\$ 578,472	\$ 547,133
Purchased Power	\$ 298,569	\$ 265,199
Operating Expenses	\$ 174,129	\$ 158,129
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 45,591	\$ 43,999
Interest Expenses	\$ 35,563	\$ 33,121
Other Expenses	\$ 329	\$ 1,000
Operating Margins	\$ 24,291	\$ 45,685
Non-operating Margins	\$ 1,995	\$ 17,744
Total Margins	\$ 26,286	\$ 63,429
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 247,986	\$ 249,277