

THE CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for September is \$.02328/kilowatt-hour. This calculates to an additional \$23.28 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

Your Cost for Electric Service

Now that we have experienced two very hot summer months, many of you have received your highest electric bills of the year.

Your Board of Trustees closely monitors the financial operations of your cooperative to assure you are paying electric rates that are fair and reasonable. Unfortunately, Caney Valley's electric rates historically have been higher than we would like them to be. There are many reasons why this is the case, and I would be glad to discuss them personally with you in detail.

On the brighter side,

the average cost you are paying per kilowatt hour is only a little higher today, compared to 1994, which is the first full year the general rate increase was in effect. For all of the cooperative's members, residential and non-residential, the average cost per kwh in 2009 was 12.6¢.

The average cost for 1994 was 11.68¢, an increase of .92¢, or 7.9%, over a fifteen-year period. Through the first six months of 2010, the average cost is 12.3¢ with the off-peak period rates in effect.

We are continually working to hold the line on rates. As you know

from your experiences with your personal and business finances, prices and costs for goods and services

rarely stay the same or decrease. Usually, costs overall continue to rise. It is the same with the cooperative's operations as we work to provide reliable electric service at a reasonable cost to the members.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments about the cost or quality of your electric service.



Allen Zadorozny

Outages for July 2010

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
7/5	North of Havana	30	38 min.	Line OCR off
7/9	Elgin area	50	2 hrs.	Lightning
7/9	North of Cedar Vale	150	45 min.	Breaker off
7/13	South of Sedan	20	40 min.	50A OCR burned up
7/29	Burden, Cambridge, Atlanta areas	280	4 hrs.	Westar off

Peak Control Brings Benefits to Members

Members can save money with Peak Control. Here's more information about how you can start:

- ▶ **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 and themselves.
- ▶ **What Can Members Do to Participate in Peak Control?** Members can participate by voluntarily monitoring when they use electric equipment and appliances which require larger amounts of electricity.
- ▶ **When Do Members 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 during those two months drives the electricity billings for the following eight months beginning in October. Be aware of days that have high temperatures forecasted above 90 degrees; these are the type of days when peak demands usually occur.
- ▶ **What Benefit May the Members See From Taking Part in Peak Control?** By helping hold the line for the kW demand charges on Caney Valley's wholesale electric bill, you will also limit the amount of the resulting power cost adjustment (PCA) charges added to your electric bill.

Want to Share Your Story?

Every October, cooperatives across the nation celebrate Cooperative Month. We would like to invite our readers to submit an article telling of their experience when their lights came on for the very first time, back in the late 1940s and 1950s.

Share your story, and let our younger members know what it was like "before" and "after" the electricity was on at your house!

Three Students Attend Cooperative Leadership Camp

CALE ELLIS, Grenola; **SARAH TATUM**, Burden; and **CATHY CALL**, Cedar Vale, joined youth from across Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming for the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, July 17-23, 2010, in Steamboat Springs, CO.

Tatum and Call were selected from a group of high school applicants by Caney Valley Electric Cooperative. To win this trip, students were asked to review information about electric cooperatives, take a short quiz over the materials, and also complete a student questionnaire. Ellis attended the camp last summer, and was selected to return as an ambassador from Kansas this year.

"Caney Valley Electric is proud to support the Leadership Camp program and send our youth to develop essential leadership and teamwork skills," said Allen Zadorozny, Manager. "Our hope is that local students gained awareness of how



From left, Cale Ellis, Sarah Tatum and Cathy Call attended the week-long Cooperative Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO.

our electric cooperatives work and how important it is for the youth to be involved in our communities."

During their week-long stay in Colorado, the students created a

candy cooperative. They established a board of trustees and selected a general manager who held daily membership meetings. In the evenings, they marketed their product at the canteen. At the end of the week the group decided how to



Students from Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Wyoming spent their trip learning about electric cooperatives and leadership.



Camp participants spent their trip building leadership and teamwork skills.

They explored the Steamboat Village, Old Town Steamboat Springs, went white water rafting and toured the Craig Power Plant and Trapper Mine.

“The students this year exhibited amazing leadership potential,” Shana Holsteen, Kansas Electric Cooperatives Director of Communications said. “Throughout the week, campers developed their

leadership skills and learned about electric cooperatives through camp activities. It is amazing to see how much the students' skills grow in just one week.”

Caney Valley Electric sponsors this trip for one or two students each year. For more information, contact our office at 758-2262 or 1-800-310-8911.

handle any profit margins.

“This camp was awesome!” Tatum said. “I learned so much and have a greater understanding of electricity and I have a greater appreciation for the electricity I use day-to-day.”

The campers also took part in legislative presentations, a light and high voltage display and a competition to build a transmission line.

Former Caney Valley Employee Passes Away

The cooperative is deeply saddened by the recent passing of **FLOYD “PAT” PATTESON**, a former employee of Caney Valley Electric, who served in various capacities as a journeyman lineman, work order clerk, wiring inspector and assistant manager from 1953 to 1973.

Patteson was a long-time Cedar Vale resident who continued working in the electric cooperative industry until his retirement. The cooperative recognizes his dedicated service to its line operations through the years.

Our condolences go out to his wife, Mary, their children and grandchildren.

Water Heater Program To Be Discontinued

For many years, your cooperative has stocked water heaters as part of its electric appliance rebate program. The purpose was to build an electric load with quality water heaters and provide the opportunity for members to obtain water heaters at little or no cost.

However, during the past several years, frequent problems have been encountered with servicing the water heaters, obtaining reliable water heaters and accommodating ongoing price increases.

With much reluctance and concern, the cooperative reviewed the maintenance of the inventory of water heaters and the handling of customer issues during problematic times. It was determined that the program was not producing the positive results needed to continue water heater services.

As of September 30, 2010, the cooperative will no longer sell water heaters to members. However, the water heater rebate program will still be in effect for heaters purchased from other sources as it is now administered.

For the rebate, water heaters must meet the following qualifications:

- ▶ Must be installed on Caney Valley's

lines, and inspected by CVE.

- ▶ Minimum size must be 40-gallon.
- ▶ If less than 60 gallons, it must have a minimum Energy Factor (EF) of .93.
- ▶ If 60 gallons or greater, it must have a minimum EF of .91.
- ▶ If a water heater rebate was paid on the unit being replaced, a second rebate can be paid only if the warranty has expired. Please confirm that the unit is out of warranty.
- ▶ Must have copy of the sales receipt.
- ▶ Needs to be installed with number 10 wire and 30-amp breaker.

Water Heater Program Rebate Amounts

For members replacing a non-electric unit or installing one in new construction:

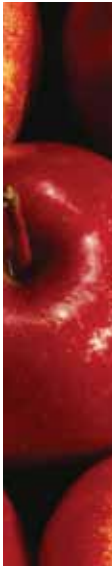
For the purchase of a standard (non-lifetime) unit	\$150
For the purchase of a lifetime unit	\$200

For members replacing an electrical unit:

For the purchase of a standard (non-lifetime) unit	\$100
For the purchase of a lifetime unit	\$150

Recipes from Caney Valley's Members

APPLE SAUCE CAKE IN A JAR



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| 2/3 cup shortening | 3 1/3 cups flour |
| 2 2/3 cups sugar | 2 tsp. baking soda |
| 4 eggs | 1 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 2 cups applesauce | 1 tsp. cinnamon |
| 2/3 cups water | 1 tsp. cloves |
| | 1 c. nuts, finely chopped |

Cream shortening and sugar together. Beat in eggs, applesauce and water. Sift all of the dry ingredients together and add to mixture. Stir in nuts.

Pour into eight wide-mouth pint jars, filling each jar half full. Bake for 45 minutes at 325 degrees. Remove from oven one at a time. Wipe top and seal, screwing lids down tight. Jars will seal as they cool. Store as you would any canned goods.

This makes an excellent Christmas or holiday gift or is good to take to shut-ins or to a party.

Submitted by Bonnie Henery, Cedar Vale



Bonnie Henery

The following recipe was submitted by Bonnie Henery. Henery and her husband, Lawrence "Dutch" Henery have been members of Caney Valley Electric since 1973.

How to Submit

To submit your recipe please send the following information:

- ▶ Your name
- ▶ Contact information
- ▶ Photo of yourself with the finished

product (if possible)

- ▶ 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
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Climate Key for Planting Savings

If you have a yard with landscaping options, you can do much more to save energy costs. The right combination of plants and trees can unearth hidden energy savings.

Climate determines the direction your landscaping planning should take.

Living in Kansas, located in the central temperate zone of the nation, gives residents several ways to save energy by wise landscaping. These four steps will help:

- ▶ Maximize warming effects of the sun in the winter.
- ▶ Maximize shade during the summer.
- ▶ Deflect winter winds away from buildings.
- ▶ Funnel summer breezes toward the home.

In the summer, remember that

solar heat absorbed through windows and roofs can increase your air conditioner use. Incorporating shading concepts into your landscape design can help reduce this solar heat gain, reducing your cooling costs.

In the winter, properly selected and placed landscaping can provide excellent wind protection, or windbreaks, which will reduce heating costs considerably. The best windbreaks block wind close to the ground by using trees and shrubs that have low crowns. Dense evergreen trees and shrubs planted to the north and northwest of the home are the most common type of windbreak.

Visit www.TogetherweSave.com or www.energysavers.gov to learn more ways to save energy around your home.

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	June 2010	June 2009
Meters Billed	5,521	5,528
kWh Sold	4,486,075	3,894,565
Total Revenue	\$ 592,002	\$ 487,060
Purchased Power	\$ 449,761	\$ 404,925
Operating Expenses	\$ 198,578	\$ 175,299
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 45,836	\$ 44,077
Interest Expenses	\$ 34,020	\$ 40,000
Other Expenses	\$ 125	\$ 578
Operating Margins	\$ (136,318)	\$ (177,820)
Non-operating Margins	\$ 1,786	\$ 1,946
Total Margins	\$ (134,532)	\$ (175,874)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ (19,041)	\$ 64,229