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

Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for January is \$.00692/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional \$.692 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours. The PCA was implemented in 2002 to cover only the increase (or decrease) in power costs (over and above 7¢/kWh) 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 bill.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

2022 Cooperative Outlook

The year of 2022 is already upon us! Your cooperative is looking forward to providing you, our members, dependable electric service with the advantages and convenience of local access to our Cedar Vale headquarters. Our goal is to provide conscientious, personal attention to our members. When you call us, you will always reach a real person who is an employee or an employee of our after-hours answering service. You will not have to wait through an automated answering system. Any time you can, we welcome you to visit us in person.

The 2022 line operations include upgrades and improvements as outlined in the Rural Utility Services-approved construction work plan. Routine line maintenance and right-of-way clearing activities will also be a major part of the work in order to control outages and line losses.

Safety awareness for both our employees and the general public will be emphasized throughout the year.

General administrative activities will be reviewed for efficiency and effectiveness. We will continue to regularly review aspects of the electric utility billing and collecting procedures. Operating expenses will continue to be monitored to limit the need for increased electric rates.

Encompassing all of the 2022 expectations for the cooperative is the willingness and receptiveness of the cooperative staff to be accessible to you for any comments, needs, questions or concerns that you might have. Feel free to contact us.

We wish you a very successful and happy 2022!

ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY,
GENERAL MANAGER

ENERGY EFFICIENCY Tip of the Month

Maximize your heating system's performance by inspecting, cleaning or replacing air filters once a month or as needed to reduce energy costs and prevent potential damage to your system. Make sure radiators, baseboard heaters and warm-air registers aren't blocked so air can flow freely. **SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**



Our Crews are Working to Serve You Help us keep them safe

- ▶ At a job site, don't ask crews what they are working on or when power will be restored. Crew members must give the repairs their full attention to ensure safety. Diverting their attention increases the amount of time it takes to resolve the issue.
- ▶ When driving by a utility truck (or any roadside vehicle with flashing lights), please move over and give them space. In a work zone, follow all signage, including speed limits. Drivers who travel through a work zone too fast endanger workers on the ground and up in the bucket.
- ▶ If one of our employees is in your yard or on an easement to address service issues, please secure your dogs. Also keep meters and pad mount transformers (green boxes) free from obstructions.
- ▶ Please be patient as we work on an outage or other issues. Safety is our top priority, for you and our employees.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
APPLY BY **FEB. 20, 2022**

Caney Valley Electric Cooperative has scholarships available for high school seniors going to college, vocational or technical school. Application deadline for August enrollment is **FEB. 20, 2022**.

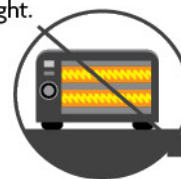
Please contact Caney Valley Electric or your high school counselor for further information.

Award recipients will be announced at our annual meeting on March 17, 2022.

Tips to Ditch the Space Heater

Space heaters are energy hogs, and older models can be extremely dangerous. This winter, ditch the space heater and try these alternative solutions to stay cozy.

- ▶ Use an electric blanket to keep warm at night.
- ▶ Caulk and weatherstrip around all windows and doors to prevent heat loss.
- ▶ Consider adding insulation to your attic and around duct work.
- ▶ Open curtains during the day to let sunlight warm your home. Close them at night.
- ▶ Run ceiling fans clockwise in the winter to push warm air down.



Apply to Win a **FREE** Leadership Experience

Caney Valley Electric Cooperative is sponsoring three students to an all-expenses-paid trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in July. Winners will also receive a \$250 scholarship following high school graduation and college enrollment.

This trip is part of a four-state Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp sponsored by rural electric cooperatives in Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Kansas. Contest winners will learn about electrification, cooperatives, energy challenges, safety and interpersonal communications.

The contest is open to all current high school juniors in Caney Valley's service area whose residence is served by Caney Valley Electric.

If you are a high school junior and are interested in this trip, please complete the application form below and send **BY JAN. 20, 2022**, to:

CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

ATTN: LEADERSHIP CAMP REP

PO BOX 308

CEDAR VALE, KS 67024-0308

PLEASE NOTE POSSIBLE CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19: Winners will be required to submit proof of vaccination and/or a negative COVID test within the previous 72 hours prior to boarding the bus, as some of the venues visited during camp require it. Also, an online leadership conference or an in-person statewide conference in Topeka may be held in lieu of camp, if camp should get canceled.

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Each year, campers go rafting during Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, which is scheduled for July 15-21, 2022.

Contest Application for Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp — Due Jan. 20, 2022

Complete and return this application to Caney Valley Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 308, Cedar Vale, KS 67024.

Name of Applicant _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School _____ Year in School _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____ Phone Number _____

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true.

Signature of Applicant _____

I hereby grant permission for _____ to apply for the 2022 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp sponsored by Caney Valley Electric.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AND CHAPERONES IS OUR TOP PRIORITY. IF THE COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP ORGANIZERS BELIEVE THAT TRAVEL IS UNSAFE DUE TO CONCERNS WITH THE CORONAVIRUS (OR ANY OTHER ACTS OF TERRORISM, DISASTER, CIVIL DISORDER, OR CURTAILMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES), THE TRIP WILL BE CANCELED.

Caney Valley Policy on Power Theft

Due to some cooperative members tampering with their meter or other electrical devices and the resulting theft of services, the Caney Valley Electric Board of Trustees implemented a policy on power theft as follows:

Members are advised that Caney Valley Electric will hold members responsible both civilly and criminally for any theft of electric energy and/or meter tampering, pursuant to Kansas Statutes, plus any fees that may arise as a result of the same.

Kansas Statute 21-3704 Specifies that Theft of Services is:

- ▶ Obtaining services from another by deception, threat, coercion, stealth, tampering or use of false token or device.
- ▶ "Services" within the meaning of this section includes, but is not limited to ... public or municipal utility services ... and rural electric cooperatives shall be considered public utilities.
- ▶ "Tampering" within the meaning of this section includes, but is not limited to:
 - ▶ Making a connection of any wire, conduit or device to any service or transmission line owned by a public or municipal utility ... ;
 - ▶ Defacing, puncturing, removing, reversing or altering any meter or any connections for the purpose of securing unauthorized or unmeasured electricity ... ;

- ▶ Preventing any such meters from properly measuring or registering;
- ▶ Knowingly taking, receiving, using or converting to such person's own use, or the use of another, any electricity ... which has not been measured; or
- ▶ Causing, procuring, permitting, aiding or abetting any person to do any of the preceding acts.
- ▶ In any prosecution under this section, the existence of any of the connections of meters, alterations or use of unauthorized or unmeasured electricity ... shall be evidence of intent to violate the provisions of this section.

Theft of Services of the Value of:

- ▶ Less than \$1,000 is a class A misdemeanor
 - ▶ At least \$1,000 but less than \$25,000 is a level 9 felony.
- Indications of meter tampering or obvious theft witnessed by an employee or member of the public will be immediately investigated. The reporting party's name and other information shall be held confidential.
- Members will be charged a \$100 fee if an account is found, for a second time, to have missing or tampered-with sealing devices. For any subsequent

occurrence, the members will also be responsible for all time and materials needed to repair and install any additional locking devices.

If a member is found to have willfully diverted power to any account for any reason, that account will be immediately disconnected. Power will not be restored until the account holder has paid a diversion charge of \$250 plus any estimated lost revenue charges. Any damage to cooperative property will be billed on a time and material basis. Willfully diverting power a second time will result in a fee of \$500 plus any other charges. Management may seek prosecution under Kansas Statute #21-3704 of any person found diverting power or tampering with the meter.

October Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	Oct. 2021	Oct. 2020
Meters Billed	5,254	5,221
kWh Purchased	4,528,615	4,602,933
Cost Per kWh	0.08487	0.07391
kWh Sold	5,332,701	4,474,273
Total Revenue	\$ 929,412	\$ 767,380
Purchased Power	\$ 385,993	\$ 341,628
Operating Expenses	\$ 272,657	\$ 207,890
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 70,428	\$ 69,142
Interest Expenses	\$ 38,206	\$ 42,529
Other Expenses	\$ 288	\$ 188
Operating Margins	\$ 161,841	\$ 106,004
Non-operating Margins	\$ 23,250	\$ 1,940
Total Working Margins	\$ 185,091	\$ 107,943
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 872,615	\$ 319,467

Outages for November 2021

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
11/3	West of Howard	60	1 hr	Reset OCR
11/10	Belknap area	45	5 hr 50 min	Lightning-Pole top broken
11/10	Grenola substation	320	5 hr 15 min	Evergy off
11/11	Cedar Vale sub - west circuit	300	1 hr	Squirrel on transformer