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THE CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Office Hours

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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for March is (\$0.00627)/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to a credit of \$6.27 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

Stay in the Know by Keeping Us in the Know

At Caney Valley Electric we are constantly striving to improve our operational efficiency so we can provide the most reliable electric service possible for you, our consumer-members.

We rely on data for nearly every aspect of our operations, which is why we need your help. By making sure we have your most accurate and complete contact information, we can continue to provide the high level of service you expect and deserve. Accurate information enables us to improve customer service and enhance communications for reporting and repairing outages. It also allows co-op members to receive information about other important programs, events such as the co-op's annual meeting and the election of your board's representatives, and co-op sponsored activities.

Up-to-date contact information can potentially speed up the power restoration process during an outage. For example, the phone number you provide is linked to your service address. This means when you call to report an outage, we can locate your location with your phone number.

While we always do our best to maintain service, we occasionally plan outages to update, repair or replace equipment. In these instances, we can provide advance notification to affected members through phone messages or email, if we have your correct contact information and communication preferences.

Keeping the co-op updated with your information also helps us when there's a question about energy use or billing. In addition, discrepancies on your account can be taken care of promptly if Caney Valley Electric has accurate account information.

It's also important we have the most up-to-date information for capital credits allocations. Even if you move from our service territory, please let us know your new address and contact information to ensure you receive allocations if and when they are approved by the board.

Many of you have been members of the co-op for years, and it's likely that your account information hasn't been updated for some time. We recognize that some members now use a cell phone as their primary phone service, and we might not have that number in our system.

I want to emphasize that in providing your contact information to the co-op, we will never share this information with any third parties. It is only used by Caney Valley Electric to get important information to you. Please take a moment to confirm or update your contact information by contacting our office at 800-310-8911 or email cve@caneyvalley.com. By doing so, you will be helping us improve service and efficiency so we can better serve you and all members of the co-op.

Allen A Zadorozny, General Manager

Mark Your Calendar for March 12

| March 2020 | | | | | | |
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We encourage you to make plans to attend the cooperative's annual meeting Thursday, March 12, at the Cedar Vale School gymnasium. Cooperative members

and their families can enjoy a hamburger supper that is served from 5-6:30 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided during the supper and member registration process.

A high-voltage safety demonstration will be performed at 5:45 p.m.

Registration favors, including an electric bill discount certificate, will be given away along with chances to win one of many attendance drawing prizes.

The meeting will include business reports about your cooperative's operations and financial condition.

A very important part of the meeting is the election of three trustees for the board.

The candidates will be considered for election at the meeting along with any members nominated from the floor at the meeting.

The nominees for board trustee are to be commended for being willing to offer their time and commitment to the governance of the cooperative's operations.

Mark your calendar today, and we hope to see you at the meeting!

A Downed Line Always Means Danger

If you see a downed power line after a bad storm or at an accident scene, NEVER get out to help or go near the downed line. Always assume a downed power line is energized and deadly. This also applies to any electrical equipment, including pad-mounted transformers (green boxes), other utility cabinets or fenced substations.

If you are involved in an accident with a downed line or other utility equipment – whether in a car, tractor, or any other type of vehicle or equipment – do not get out. If you exit the vehicle and

walk away, you could be electrocuted. Instead, call 911 and wait for the utility to arrive to cut the power.

If you must leave a vehicle due to smoke or fire, make a solid jump out with your feet together and without touching the car or truck, and then hop with both feet at the same time — DO NOT WALK — at least 30 feet from the vehicle. Hopping helps prevent two different voltages of electricity from entering your body at the same time, which can cause shock and electrocution.

Right on: What is Right-of-Way?

Easements or rights-of-way are agreements between utilities and property owners to allow a utility to use or access a piece of property according to the terms of the agreement.

Easements are areas designated for overhead and underground utility access and are usually defined when a lot or neighborhood is first platted. Easements are implemented because it is more efficient and less expensive to run utility lines straight through neighborhoods than it is to run them around parcels of land.

Having right-of-way means utilities can access the area to fix a utility-related problem or to perform maintenance.

Easements outline general property rights by others while right-of-way (as its name implies) is a specific property right.

Workers who service utility lines will arrive in a marked vehicle and have proper identification. If you have any concerns when these crews arrive, please call us at 620-758-2262.

WHY IS TREE TRIMMING NECESSARY?



Tree and foliage **OVERGROWTH** can **INTERFERE** with **POWER DISTRIBUTION**.



Power lines can give off a **SPARK OR ARC** that may land on nearby branches and **IGNITE**.



The lights in your house may **FLICKER** when tree branches brush power lines during **HIGH WINDS**.



Stormy weather can cause nearby limbs to **BREAK OFF** and land on power lines.



Accessibility to maintain equipment and **RESTORE POWER** is important to keep **LINeworkers SAFE**.

TRIMMED TREES = GREATER RELIABILITY

CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2020
School Gymnasium
Cedar Vale, KS



CONNECT

ENGAGE

ELECT

Free Meal 5 p.m.

Registration 5:30 p.m.

High-Voltage Safety Demonstration 5:45 p.m.

Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.

According to Article II, Section 7 of Caney Valley Electric's Bylaws,
the order of the business meeting shall be as follows:

- ▶ Call to order
- ▶ Proof of notice of meeting to members
- ▶ Reading of minutes of the last meeting
- ▶ Election of position #2 trustees
- ▶ Business, old and new
- ▶ Attendance prizes
- ▶ Adjournment

Annual Meeting Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of the Members of The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., will be held at the School Gymnasium, Cedar Vale, Kansas, on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of electing trustees, hear reports of officers, and to transact such other business which may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

In connection with the election of trustees scheduled for the meeting, the following members have been nominated, in accordance with the bylaws, to fill Position No. 2 of each District for a three-year term:

District 1

- ▶ **DON LAND**, Cedar Vale
- ▶ **JUSTIN MCINTIRE**, Maple City
- ▶ **LORI MATTINGLY**, Dexter

District 2

- ▶ **ALEX FULSOM**, Howard

District 3

- ▶ **DAN HUBERT**, Sedan

Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the annual meeting.

Remember to Use Caution When Burning

Each spring, all across Caney Valley Electric's service territory, members prepare to burn pasture for the upcoming spring grass season.

Every spring Caney Valley Electric's employees witness damage being done to Caney Valley's poles and equipment by "controlled" burns. Please be aware that burning or even scorching a pole will compromise the integrity of the structure.

Power poles are treated with a protective coating that prevents moisture from entering the core of the pole and causing deterioration. If a pole is scorched or blackened, the protective coating is damaged. Though it may appear as just a discoloration or slight burn, this is, in fact, damage to the pole. This will significantly shorten the life of a power pole. This pole may then become a hazard and could cause an outage.

Caney Valley once again reminds members to plan your burning before you begin. It is much cheaper to prevent a pole from catching fire than to pay for a new pole. Members will be held liable for the replacement cost of pole(s) and/or equipment due to fire damage. This cost may vary from \$1,000 to more than \$2,000 depending on the structure of the pole and equipment. It only takes a little extra effort to prevent pole damage and help control costs for you and your cooperative.

Burning of pastures and ditches does not have to result in the burning/scorching of power poles. If there are power



Before burning, check the property for electrical equipment and power poles to avoid damage and potential outages.

poles in the area to be burned, clear the vegetation/weeds at least 4 feet around the base of the pole and wet the base of the pole with water before beginning to burn.

If the fire does get away from you and a pole becomes engulfed in flames, immediately call the fire department and Caney Valley Electric. Do not spray water close to the conductors! Water and electricity do not mix! This may cause a short circuit. You and/or the firefighters could be in the path of that current and serious

injury or death may result.

Report any fire-damaged pole to Caney Valley Electric immediately. Not reporting the damage may cause a serious accident to happen later.

A pole that has been burned through is likely to fall over. This can leave the energized lines about a foot off the ground. If a person comes into contact with the line, they most likely will be seriously burned, or even killed. This carelessness could cost a life.

Accepting Bids



Caney Valley Electric will be accepting bid quotes for mowing substation properties for the upcoming mowing season. All applicants must be able to show proof of insurance and/or bond. All bids must be received by 12:30 p.m. on March 20, 2020. If interested, please contact our office for a bid packet at 758-2262, 800-310-8911 or 401 Lawrence, Cedar Vale.

Outages for January 2020

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

| Date | Area | Members Affected | Duration | Cause |
|------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1/8 | Burden & Tisdale substations | 237 | 4 hr 40 min | Evergry off |
| 1/10 | Grenola area | 40 | 1 hr | Barn blew through line |
| 1/10 | West of Sedan | 50 | 35 min | Reset OCR |
| 1/17 | Tisdale meter point | 46 | 3 hrs | Bypass regulator burned open |
| 1/28 | Peru shortcut line | 60 | 1 hr 40 min | Broken jumper on transformer |

Caney Valley's Operating Statistics

| For Month Ending | Dec. 2019 | Dec. 2018 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Meters Billed | 5,309 | 5,315 |
| kWh Purchased | 5,665,625 | 5,707,588 |
| Cost per kWh | 0.05302 | 0.06076 |
| kWh Sold | 4,763,499 | 4,884,808 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 717,425 | \$ 743,162 |
| Purchased Power | \$ 301,178 | \$ 347,252 |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 220,882 | \$ 178,913 |
| Depreciation Expenses | \$ 68,221 | \$ 67,393 |
| Interest Expenses | \$ 49,025 | \$ 45,693 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 604 | \$ 125 |
| Operating Margins | \$ 77,514 | \$ 103,785 |
| Non-Operating Margins | \$ 90,524 | \$ 86,744 |
| Total Margins | \$ 168,039 | \$ 190,529 |
| Margins Year-to-Date | \$ 724,300 | \$ 712,574 |