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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for April is an additional \$0.01872/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to \$18.72 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

Spring Update

Increased Electricity Costs

The electric utility crisis during the unprecedented February cold weather will have an undesirable effect on all of our electric bills.

The power demand that occurred in February resulted in significant cost increases for power to KEPCo, our wholesale power supplier. To help mitigate the impacts of these cost increases, KEPCo has deferred the collection of a significant portion of these power costs by capping its February monthly Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) rate.

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) on your bill will include the increased costs per kWh that KEPCo may collect under the ECA cap. All of the costs affecting KEPCo will not be known for several months, so additional energy costs may be collected in future months, including energy costs that exceeded KEPCo's February ECA cap. At that time, necessary adjustments will be considered.

We will provide further information when it becomes available. Please contact me for any questions, concerns, or comments.

Remember to #ThankALineworker on April 12

Lineworkers serve on the frontlines of our nation's energy needs, and on April 12, 2021, Caney Valley Electric Cooperative, along with other electric cooperatives across the country, will honor the brave men and women who work hard to keep the lights on.

Line crews work around the clock, sometimes in difficult and dangerous conditions, to keep power flowing to our local communities. Whether they're restoring power after a major storm or maintaining critical infrastructure to our electric system, lineworkers are at the heart of our co-op.

When a storm hits, they set aside their personal priorities because Mother Nature doesn't work around holidays, vacations and birthdays. A service-oriented mentality is one of the many admirable characteristics of an electric lineworker.

Caney Valley Electric is proud to honor the 11 local lineworkers who maintain approximately 1,700 miles of power lines in our service territory.

We invite all co-op members to take a moment and thank a lineworker for the important work they do. On April 12, you can use #ThankALineworker on social media to show your support for the brave men and women who power our lives.

ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY, GENERAL MANAGER



**Rain or shine,
we're ready.**

**Because letting
you down is not
an option.**

#ThankALineworker

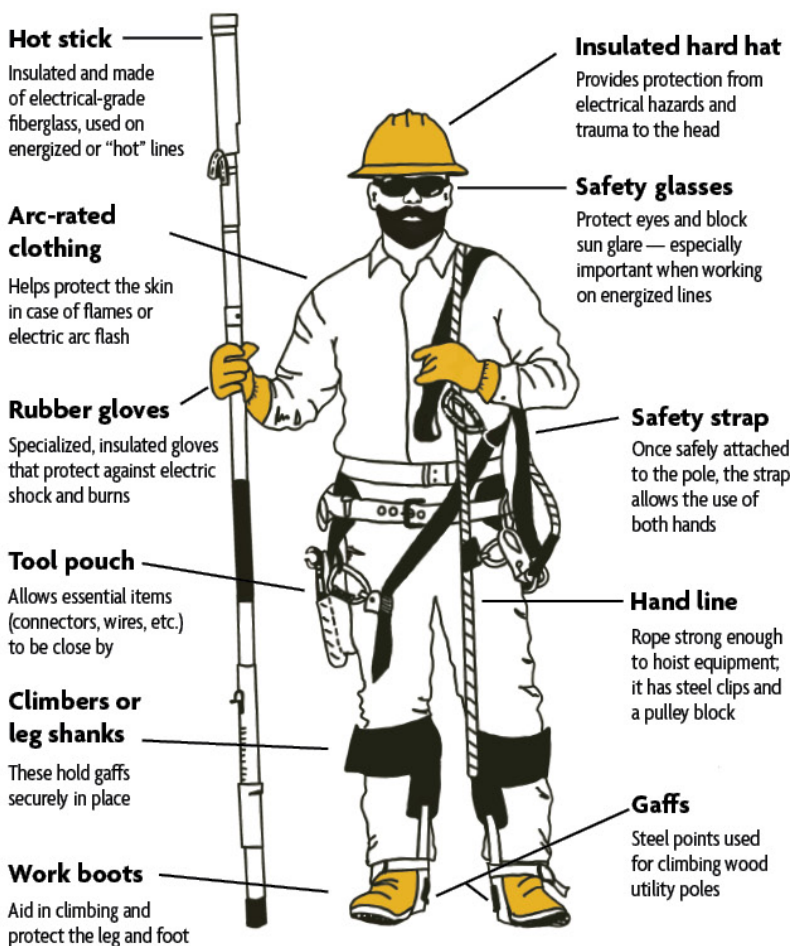
ELECTRICAL LINEWORKERS

Lineworkers install and maintain overhead and underground electrical systems. We rely on their expertise to power our world.

They must commit to safety above all else for the benefit of those they serve (you!), fellow crew members and themselves.

WHAT THEY WEAR

Protective clothing is required to shield lineworkers since they work around high voltages. Gear can vary depending on pole structure (wood or steel) and weighs up to 45 pounds.



Right-of-Way Clearing

As part of the cooperative's ongoing program to control harmful vegetation near our power lines, we have contracted with Poor Boy Tree Service Inc. of Fairplay,



Craig Lampson

Missouri, to apply herbicide along our rights-of-way in 2021. The lines in our Longton substation in Elk County (**AREAS EAST OF HOWARD AND AROUND ELK FALLS, LONGTON AND OAK VALLEY**) are scheduled to be covered over the next few months.

Poor Boy's two-man crew will be applying high-volume foliar spray herbicide directly to small trees, saplings, and harmful re-growth that has occurred since the lines were cleared by tree cutting. They will be using the minimum amount of herbicide judged to be effective and will be targeting specific plants that pose a hazard to the electric system. You should expect to see their pickup and/or ATV with spray equipment working along the rights-of-way under Caney Valley's electric lines.

Trees continue to pose the greatest physical obstacle to providing economical and reliable electric power to the consumers on Caney Valley's system. The problems caused by trees and the costs of controlling them are born by all of our members collectively. We appreciate your support of the cooperative's efforts to reduce tree-related problems in a fair and cost-effective manner. If you have any questions about our spraying or line clearing activities, please call us at 800-310-8911 or 620-758-2262.

CRAIG LAMPSON
LINE SUPERINTENDENT

Keep Roadside Crews Safe: Slow Down and Move Over

Think of every roadside crew member as someone you know and love

Every state has laws that require drivers to slow down or switch lanes if possible when they pass emergency vehicles and, in many states, transportation maintenance, work trucks and other authorized vehicles as well. These are often referred to as “move over” laws. Failing to comply can result in fines and, in some states, jail time.

The law in Kansas requires motorists to approach cautiously when an emergency vehicle is stopped ahead with its lights flashing. Motorists must change lanes away from the emergency vehicle if they are on a multilane highway and can do so safely. If drivers can't change lanes safely, or they are on a two-lane highway, they must slow down while maintaining a safe speed so as not to impede other traffic.

Because power lines often run along streets and highways, Caney Valley crews are frequently required to work near or on roadways. Cars driving too fast or too close to a utility truck can cause the truck to move and the extended bucket holding a worker to sway. This is especially dangerous if a crew member

is working on an energized power line.

To protect emergency responders, utility crews and other roadside workers, AAA Kansas offers these precautionary tips:

- ▶ Always remain alert. Avoid distractions and focus on the task of driving.
- ▶ Watch for situations where emergency vehicles, tow trucks, utility service vehicles or disabled vehicles are stopped on the side of the road.
- ▶ When approaching an emergency vehicle with lights flashing on the side of a two-lane roadway, slow down to a speed that is safe and approach with caution unless otherwise directed by an emergency worker on the scene. Some states recommend slowing to a speed that is 10-20 mph less than the posted speed limit.
- ▶ On multi-lane roadways, slow down when you see the flashing lights of an emergency vehicle at the roadside and, if possible, move over into an adjacent lane. If you are unable to switch



lanes, slow to a speed that is safe and reasonable. Some states recommend slowing to a speed that is 10-20 mph less than the posted speed limit.

When approaching utility crews and non-emergency vehicles, you may not see flashing lights but you will see hazard or traffic cones giving you early warning to slow down and pay attention. Caney Valley urges you to slow down and move over for everyone who must complete their jobs on or at the side of the road, including utility crews. Whether emergency response crews or utility workers, you can make sure they return home safely each day to their loved ones.

Outages for February 2021

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Following are the larger outages that occurred during February 2021.

| Date | Area | Members Affected | Duration | Cause |
|------|------------------------------|------------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| 2/15 | Tisdale & Burden substations | 233 | 50 min | Rolling outage due to extreme cold |

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Caney Valley's Operating Statistics

| For Month Ending | Jan. 2021 | Jan. 2020 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Meters Billed | 5,253 | 5,299 |
| kWh Purchased | 5,824,853 | 5,721,206 |
| Cost Per kWh | 0.07005 | 0.06419 |
| kWh Sold | 5,279,913 | 5,201,390 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 827,748 | \$ 752,010 |
| Purchased Power | \$ 408,790 | \$ 367,787 |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 225,801 | \$ 254,510 |
| Depreciation Expenses | \$ 70,043 | \$ 68,290 |
| Interest Expenses | \$ 40,645 | \$ 45,137 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 288 | \$ 488 |
| Operating Margins | \$ 82,181 | \$ 15,798 |
| Non-operating Margins | \$ 2,121 | \$ 1,963 |
| Total Working Margins | \$ 84,302 | \$ 17,761 |
| Margins Year-to-Date | \$ 84,302 | \$ 17,761 |

THANK A LINEWORKER!

This month, we're recognizing lineworkers for the amazing job they do to make sure we have electricity! Think about all the ways you use electricity every day. Do you use a phone, watch TV, play video games or turn on lights? You're able to do *all* of these things because of lineworkers.

Below is space to write a short thank-you note to your local lineworkers. Write your note, then ask an adult to help you send it back to us so we can share it with our crews.



WE ♥ OUR
LINEWORKERS

Send your note to the mailing address below, or snap a photo with your phone and email it to us!

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