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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for April is \$0.00568/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to \$5.68 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

The People Behind Your Power

You've likely noticed Caney Valley's crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in your community. It's no secret that a lineworker's job is tough — but it's a job that's essential and must be done, often in challenging conditions. National Lineworker Appreciation Day is just around the corner, celebrated on April 18, so I thought I'd share some interesting facts with you about electric lineworkers.

The work can be heavy, in more ways than one. Did you know the equipment tools that a lineworker carries while climbing a utility pole can weigh up to 50 pounds? That's the same as carrying 6 gallons of water. Speaking of utility poles, lineworkers are required to climb poles ranging anywhere from 30 to 120 feet tall — lucky for our linemen, our poles are normally on the short end of that range. Needless to say, if you have a fear of heights, this likely isn't the career path for you.

Lineworkers must be committed to

their career — because it's not just a job; it's a lifestyle. The long hours and ever-present danger can truly take a toll. In fact, being a lineworker is listed in the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

Lineworkers often work non-traditional hours, outdoors in difficult conditions. While the job does not require a college degree, it does require technical skills, years of training and hands-on learning.

Did you know that becoming a journeyman lineman can take more than 7,000 hours of training (or about four years)? That's because working with high-voltage equipment requires specialized skills, experience and an ongoing mental toughness. Shortcuts are not an option, and there is no room for error in this line of work.

Despite the many challenges, our linemen are committed to powering our local communities. During severe weather events that bring major power

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY Tip of the Month

This planting season, include energy efficiency in your landscaping plans. Adding shade trees around your home can reduce surrounding air temperatures as much as 6 degrees. To block heat from the sun, plant deciduous trees around the south side of your home. Deciduous trees provide excellent shade during the summer and lose their leaves in the fall and winter months, allowing sunlight to warm your home. **SOURCE: WWW.ENERGY.GOV**





**IT'S NOT A SUGGESTION.
IT'S THE LAW.**

Life is fast paced, but speeding or multitasking in a work zone is not worth losing your life or taking someone else's.

To help save lives and reduce injuries, follow orange sign directives every time you approach a work zone.

2020 Work Zone Statistics*

CRASHES AND INJURIES

102,000 Estimated total crashes

44,000 Estimated injuries

FATALITIES

857 Total fatalities

244 Fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles

PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES IN WORK ZONES

105 Pedestrians (non-workers)

51 Pedestrian workers

Do your part to help everyone return home safely. **THE ORANGE SIGN IS MEANT FOR EVERYONE.**

*MOST RECENT DATA AVAILABLE

SOURCES: NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK (NWXAW.ORG), NATIONAL WORK ZONE SAFETY INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE, AMERICAN TRAFFIC SAFETY SERVICES ASSOCIATION



Remember to Use Caution When Burning

Caney Valley 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.

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

Each year, Caney Valley Electric's employees witness damage 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 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.

Annual Right-of-Way Herbicide Spraying



CRAIG LAMPSON,

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, Missouri, to apply herbicide along our rights-of-way in 2023. **THE LINES OFF OUR CHAUTAUQUA SUBSTATION**

IN CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY ARE SCHEDULED TO BE COVERED OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. THIS INCLUDES AREAS FROM SOUTH OF SEDAN TO THE STATE LINE, AND FROM ELGIN TO JUST WEST OF CANEY, INCLUDING THE PERU AND NIOTAZE AREAS.

Poor Boy's two-man crews will be applying the application of foliar spray herbicide directly to small trees, saplings, and harmful re-growth that has occurred since the lines were cleared. 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 in Caney Valley's electric line easements.

LETTERS WILL BE MAILED TO MEMBERS OR KNOWN LANDOWNERS AND MAY BE THE ONLY NOTICE YOU RECEIVE BEFORE WE START. PLEASE, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS YOU NEED TO CONTACT US.

Undesirable vegetation continues 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 undesirable vegetation and the costs of controlling it 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

Students Selected for Leadership Camp

Congratulations to the following students, who were selected to attend the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in July: **KARLI JARBOE**, Grenola; **JUSTIN MCINTIRE**, Maple City and **SAVANNAH STROOT**, Moline.

They will join other high school students from Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Oklahoma for a weeklong opportunity to improve leadership skills and learn about electrification, cooperatives, energy problems, safety and interpersonal communications.



Karli Jarboe



Justin McIntire



Savannah Stroot



While at camp, students learn about electrification, including our various forms of energy production.



The People Behind Your Power

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outages, lineworkers are generally the first ones called. They must be ready to leave the comfort of their home and families unexpectedly, and they don't return until the job is done, sometimes days later. That's why the lineman's family is also dedicated to service. They understand the importance of the job to their community.

Nationwide, there are approximately 120,000 electric lineworkers. Caney Valley Electric has 10 linemen that are responsible for keeping power flowing 24/7, 365 days a year. To do this, they maintain nearly 1,750 miles of power lines across five counties in our service territory.

In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing utility poles to repair a wire. Today's lineworkers are becoming information experts who can pinpoint power outages from miles

away. Line crews can now use laptops, tablets and other technologies to map outages, survey damage and troubleshoot problems.

Being a lineworker may not seem like a glamorous job, but it is absolutely essential to the life of our communities. Without the exceptional dedication and commitment of these hardworking men and women, we simply would not have the reliable electricity that we need for everyday life.

So, the next time you see a lineworker, please thank them for the work they do to keep power flowing, regardless of the time of day or weather conditions. After all, lineworkers are the people behind your power.

Please join us as we recognize them on April 18!

ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY,
GENERAL MANAGER



Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	Jan 2023	Jan 2022
Meters Billed	5,240	5,263
kWh Purchased	5,838,975	6,220,726
Cost Per kWh	0.07397	0.07813
kWh Sold	5,607,823	4,718,497
Total Revenue	\$ 845,159	\$ 754,882
Purchased Power	\$ 432,706	\$ 486,993
Operating Expenses	\$ 277,929	\$ 242,407
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 72,694	\$ 70,892
Interest Expenses	\$ 44,809	\$ 40,534
Other Expenses	\$ 912	\$ 638
Operating Margins	\$ 16,111	\$ (86,581)
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 4,081	\$ 52,907
Total Working Margins	\$ 20,192	\$ (83,675)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 20,192	\$ (83,675)

Outages for FEB. 2023

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
2/17/23	Sedan, Cedar Vale & Phillips Substations	2455	15 min	69 KV Line off at Ark City
2/21/23	North of Dexter	18	2 hr	Accident — Broken Pole
2/26/23	Longton Area	60	6 hr 30 min	High Winds — Broken Poles
2/26/23	Silverdale Meter Point	120	3 hr 20 min	High Winds — Broken Poles
2/26/23	Sedan and Cedar Vale Substations	2238	3 hr 15 min	69KV Line Off — High Winds
2/26/23	Dexter Area	217	2 hr	69KV Line Off — High Winds

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