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POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for July is $0.01299/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional $12.99per 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 suppliers. The PCA varies each month depending on the wholesale costs, and is a flow-through on your electric bill.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Understanding the Customer Charge

As a result of a significant decrease in kilowatt-hour (kWh) sales and meters served, the cooperative's Board of Trustees is considering the need to increase the electric rates. The rate increase amount and the method of increase for the various types of rates are under review. The main increase will be the Customer Charge. Following are some answers to questions concerning the Customer Charge.

WHAT IS THE CUSTOMER CHARGE?

The Customer Charge is designed to help cover the cooperative's fixed costs to provide service to each meter, regardless of the kWh's used. Some of these fixed costs include connecting to the electrical system, metering, billing, service maintenance, and administrative services associated with supplying power to the member.

WHY IS THE CUSTOMER CHARGE USED FOR RATE INCREASES?

The Customer Charge increase would enable the cooperative to have a more accurate forecast of the amount of revenue the rate increase will generate. Increases in kWh charges can vary widely because the number of kWhs sold each year is unpredictable.

WHY DOES THE CUSTOMER CHARGE NEED TO BE INCREASED?

Increasing the Customer Charge will enable the cooperative to move toward covering the current fixed costs to serve each meter. The current Customer Charge for residential accounts is $29. Studies show the average cost to serve each meter is in the $55 to $75 range.

If one meter uses only 1 kWh and another meter uses 1,000 kWh's, the cooperative still incurs the same cost to install the facilities, maintain the distribution system and deliver electricity to both meters. An increase in the Customer Charge is needed to maintain the financial integrity of your cooperative.

WHO DECIDES WHEN A RATE INCREASE IS MADE?

Caney Valley's Board of Trustees sets the cooperative rates. The trustees are members who pay the same rates as you. They are elected by you and other members each year. Trustees want to ensure electric rates are adequate to maintain the health of the cooperative and to provide the necessary revenue for delivery of reliable electric service. The trustees want to avoid rate increases, but also need to ensure the long-term financial stability of the cooperative.

As always, feel free to contact me any time you have questions, concerns or suggestions you would like to discuss.

ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY,
GENERAL MANAGER

CONTROL YOUR PEAK USAGE

Did you know you can help your electric co-op by simply glancing at the clock? The key to that help is a term used in the energy industry called "time of use."

Electricity follows the basic economic laws of supply and demand — when a lot of people want something, it's expensive; when they don't, it's cheaper. Energy is more expensive during certain times of the day because more people are using it.

Behind that statement, there's a story of a complex industry that's changing as fast as digital technology. The role you play can be as simple as washing and drying your clothes a couple hours later than usual. Why would you want to do that? One reason has to do with the fact that as a co-op member, you and your neighbors own Caney Valley Electric.

PEAK TIMES FOR POWER

By paying attention to times of energy use, co-op members can feel like they're a part of something. Essentially, if you're helping your co-op, you're helping your neighbors.

Helping with time of use can translate to real dollars. To understand that, it helps to go to the basics of time of use, which involves the routines of our daily life.

Caney Valley Electric's wholesale power supplier, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo), pays more for electricity during the afternoon hours from 3-6 p.m. in two ways: either by having a power source there to make sure enough electricity is available, or by actually paying more to purchase electricity from another utility with excess power at the time. And those peaks in energy use get even higher when it's especially hot outside, as air conditioners use extra power.

By your being mindful of the peak control times, you will help limit the resulting power cost adjustment charges added to your electric bill.

Thank you for your participation.

Recent Review of EPA Rules Signals Reliability Wins

Electric cooperatives are applauding a recent series of actions announced by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These actions would alleviate reliability and cost challenges for electric co-ops across the U.S.

The EPA said it will review and reconsider the Biden administration's power plant greenhouse gas rule. The agency also plans to reconsider other rules hindering America's energy dominance, including the mercury and air rule, ozone transport rule, and power plant wastewater rule. The agency will also address a number of fundamental problems with the coal ash program and take other actions to unleash American energy while protecting the environment.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national trade association that represents electric cooperatives in D.C., flagged concerns with these rules in a letter to EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin in January. NRECA CEO Jim Matheson met with Zeldin at EPA's headquarters to discuss these issues. The letter served as a policy roadmap recommending ways the EPA could address harmful regulations for electric co-ops while ensuring reliable and affordable power and promoting a healthy environment.

The recent EPA announcements are another critical step that puts our nation on a path toward a more reliable and resilient electric grid — and not a moment too soon. The demand for electricity is skyrocketing, yet unrealistic public policy decisions are forcing always-available generation resources to retire faster than they can be reliably replaced.

Electric cooperatives appreciate the EPA's recent actions that could bolster American energy dominance with sound policies that protect our environment — without leaving American families in the dark.

COMMON CAUSES OF POWER OUTAGES

There is never a good time for a power outage, but if it happens on a sunny day you may wonder why. Here are the most common causes of a power outage.

ACCIDENTS
Vehicles can crash into utility poles, bringing down power lines. Construction and excavation work can also result in disruptions to underground lines.

CRITTERS
Squirrels, birds, snakes and other animals can inadvertently contact power lines, causing short circuits and disruptions to electrical supply.

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE
Occasionally, we plan outages to perform upgrades or repairs to parts of the local grid.

WEATHER
High winds, snow and ice can cause tree limbs to fall on power lines. Other weather effects, like wildfires and lightning strikes, can cause major damage to equipment.

10 Things You Might Not Know About Power Restoration

Have you ever watched a video or TV show where a person is cooking a meal, then suddenly, they snap their fingers, and the meal is plated and ready to eat? That's called a jump cut.

While we wish we could "jump cut" from a power outage to power restoration, it can often take a lot more effort and people to make it happen.

We are accustomed to members' questions about power outages and why it can take time to get the lights back on. Given our reliance on electricity, there's simply never a good time to be without it.

We would like to shed light on our restoration process to help our members understand what may be happening behind the scenes. Here are 10 things you might not know about restoration:

1 WE NEED YOU. When your power goes out, it might be just at your home or small section of a neighborhood. There is a chance we may not know about it, and no one has reported it. We rely on you to let us know if your power is out.

2 OUR EMPLOYEES MIGHT BE AFFECTED TOO. Because Caney Valley Electric is a local electric cooperative owned by the members we serve, our employees are local too. They are your neighbors, friends and familiar community volunteers. When you're without power, our people might be too.

3 IT'S A TEAM EFFORT. Every one of our employees are working to get your power restored as soon as possible. Our member services representatives are taking your calls, our outside crews are surveying damage and clearing hazards, and dispatchers are organizing crews. When your power goes out, we all work together as quickly and safely as possible to get you back to normal.

4 WE ASSESS THE SITUATION FIRST. Every outage is different, and we don't know how dangerous it is or what equipment might need to be replaced. When responding to outages, we first need to see what happened, then figure out what materials we need and a plan for how to fix the problem(s) without compromising electric flow for the rest of our members.

5 RESTORATION IS NORMALLY PRIORITIZED BY THE LARGEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS WE CAN GET BACK ON IN THE SHORTEST AMOUNT OF TIME. Our crews focus on responding first to public safety issues and critical services like hospitals. Then we complete work that impacts the largest number of people first.

6 OUR EMPLOYEES FACE MANY DANGERS. Besides working around high voltage electricity, our crews are on alert for wild animals, weather elements, falling trees and fast-moving cars. (If you ever drive past one of our vehicles, please do so slowly.)

7 FLICKERING LIGHTS ARE A GOOD THING. Some folks mistake flickering lights for outages, but these "blinks" are important because they indicate our equipment worked and prevented a possible outage likely caused by wayward animals or stray tree limbs on the lines.

8 YOU NEED A BACKUP PLAN. We do our best to help those who need it, but if you depend on electricity for life support purposes, you must have a back-up plan — remember, we don't always know how long restoration efforts will take. If you're unsure what to do, call us so we can help you prepare an emergency location.

9 OUR EMPLOYEES HAVE TO PLAN, AND EAT. If you ever see our trucks in a restaurant parking lot while your power is out, know that sometimes our employees huddle in a safe, common area to map out their plan for getting your power back on. Also, our crews work long, hard hours during outages and need to take time for meals just like everyone else.

10 SOMETIMES IT'S A WAITING GAME. Our portion of the power grid is connected to other electric utilities, and we maintain positive relationships with power providers interconnected to our system. If our outage is due to an issue from their feed into our system, we must let them do their repairs and be mindful of what they're going through to fix it.

We do our best to avoid power disruptions, but they are inevitable from time to time. If the lights go out, know that your co-op team is working as quickly and safely as possible to restore power. If you experience an outage, please let us know by calling our office and reporting it. If it is after hours, you will be routed to our dispatchers, and they will contact our on-call crew.

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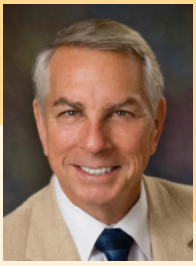
Employee Spotlight

We are going to "spotlight" our employees as space allows, to help our members learn a little bit about our employees.



Allen Zadorozny

ALLEN ZADOROZNY, Cedar Vale, was hired Aug. 10, 1999, as general manager. Before coming to Caney Valley Electric, Allen had previously served as the assistant bookkeeper and office manager at Northwestern Electric Cooperative out of Woodward, Oklahoma.

Allen is delighted to be part of a dedicated team of exceptional employees whose mission is to provide reliable, vital electric service, and to have many opportunities to meet and visit with the cooperative members.

He enjoys attending school events and sports, both locally and at the grandchildren's locations. Allen supports and participates in church and civic organizations. He also enjoys attempting to keep the "classic" 2013 Escape in top condition as it goes for the 300,000-mile target.

"I thoroughly enjoy living and working in Cedar Vale with all the advantages of a rural community," he said. "Believe me, there are many! I have a long list!"

OUTAGES FOR MAY 2025

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
5/2	Sedan- Loop Feed	700	30 min	Animal
5/7	Grenola (Phase C)	44	1 hr 15 min	Animal
5/8	West of Dexter	10	2 hr 45 min	Accident — Got tree wrapped up in wire
5/11	Burden M.P.	50	1 hr 30 mins	Accident — Hit guy wire
5/12	North of Havana	90	2 hr 45 min	Bad arrestor
5/19	North of Havana	4	7 hrs	Lightning
5/24	Cedar Vale Substation: West Feed	200	1 hr 20 min	Trees
5/25	Northeast of Dexter	1	2 days 9 hrs 40 min	Lightning
5/25	South of Maple City	1	2 days 11 hrs	Lightning
5/26	North of Cedar Vale	1	1 day 2 hrs 25 mins	Animal

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APRIL OPERATING STATISTICS

For Month Ending	April 2024	April 2025	For Month Ending	April 2024	April 2025	For Month Ending	April 2024	April 2025
Meters Billed	5,176	5,186	Total Revenue	$ 686,656	$ 719,612	Other Expenses	$ 1,175	$ 125
kWh Purchased	4,194,454	4,244,729	Purchased Power	$ 324,815	$ 350,051	Operating Margins	$ (40,366)	$ (27,337)
Cost Per kWh Purchased	0.08710	0.08201	Operating Expenses	$ 282,838	$ 273,643	Non-operating Margins	$ 3,968	$ 2,770
kWh Sold	4,226,916	4,380,863	Depreciation Expenses	$ 75,747	$ 77,723	Total Working Margins	$ (36,398)	$ (24,567)
			Interest Expenses	$ 42,448	$ 45,408	Margins Year-to-Date	$ 16,930	$ 21,173