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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for August is \$0.02619/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional \$26.19 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

Why You Should Attend Our Annual Meeting

It's that time of year again — annual meeting time! On behalf of Caney Valley Electric, we'd like to personally invite you to join us on Thursday, Aug. 5, at the Cedar Vale Schools gymnasium. We look forward to gathering with you — members of the co-op community — to catch up, hear what you have to say and enjoy good food and fellowship.

This event is not only a chance to visit with our co-op community — it's also a great opportunity to learn about programs offered by Caney Valley Electric and get to know your co-op staff. Our annual meeting makes it possible for us to gather feedback from you by providing a forum where you can let us know how we can better serve you and your family.

This is an occasion to discuss and learn more about the issues affecting our local communities. It's also an opportunity for you to exercise one of the greatest benefits of being a member of an electric co-op, by voting for the upcoming year's board of directors.

Caney Valley Electric is not owned by faraway investors, and it is not run by an appointed board of directors. We are run by a democratically elected board of trustees, a board who is given the privilege to serve because of your vote.

Our trustees are members of your community. They are concerned with the issues you face every day because they face them too. And don't forget — all members of Caney Valley Electric are eligible to run for the board — that includes you!

A democratic and open election is one of the many elements that make our electric cooperative stand out from other utilities. Having a voice in who makes the major decisions that directly affect your life and your family is a right we all share as Americans. We all vote for our state and federal Congressional representatives, but not every American has the right to vote for those who will represent community interests within their electric utility. You have that right, so why not exercise it?

Make it a point to join us on Aug. 5 at our annual meeting. We will make it worth your while!

ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY, GENERAL MANAGER



Be sure and
bring your
registration
certificate
from the
back cover
of your July
magazine.

Students Discover the KEY to Leadership

ALANNA WALKER, HANNAH WHETSTONE and **LYDIA WOODS** were among 29 Kansas and Oklahoma student leaders to discover the “KEY” to leadership during the June 21-25 Kansas Electric Youth (KEY) Leadership Conference. Caney Valley Electric selected Walker, Whetstone and Woods from a group of high school students to attend this exclusive virtual conference. Students were asked to complete an application, write a short essay, and review information and complete quizzes on Caney Valley’s history as well as cooperatives in general.

“Caney Valley is proud to support the KEY Leadership Conference and its promotion of leadership skills in our co-op’s youth,” Allen Zadorozny general manager, said. “Our hope is that leadership opportunities like these will provide valuable experience for our local students and help them to further engage in the cooperative community.”

The weeklong conference focused on different pillars of leadership and included sessions about the cooperative business model and cooperative principles, advocacy focusing on the grassroots Co-ops Vote program and how students can be a force for political action, preparing for the transition between high school and higher education, and finally the importance of reputation management.

The speaker lineup featured a discussion with Senator Jerry Moran, who

visited openly with the students and answered their questions on topics ranging from foreign grain exports to death tax on inherited land, the pandemic, climate change, and support for military families.

Other speaker highlights included an inspiring message from Survivor’s Holly Hoffman, and a presentation titled Wolves Can’t Fly from keynote speaker Dan Meers, also known as KC Wolf, the Kansas City Chiefs mascot.

For Woods, being a part of the KEY Leadership Conference youth delegation was inspiring, and it motivated her to take a closer look at what it means to be a leader.

“I would tell other youth about the amazing speakers and leaders that helped put this together and what I learned from the speakers,” Woods said.

Whetstone believes the most valuable things she gained from the conference were learning “... about the cooperative business model, new leadership skills, social media responsibility, and my civic duty to vote on election day!”

Walker added that the conference “... was very inspirational and the speakers were very enlightening.”



Alanna Walker



Hannah Whetstone



Lydia Woods

At the conclusion of the conference, students submitted a short video focused on what leadership means to them. The videos created by the West Elk students can be found on our Facebook page.

In addition to the conference, the students had the opportunity to apply for the Kansas Youth Spokesperson position. Maggie Brull, sponsored by Western Cooperative Electric headquartered in Wakeeney, was named the 2021 Kansas Youth Spokesperson. Brull is scheduled to speak about the KEY Leadership Conference at the Kansas Electric Cooperative Summer Meeting in Overland Park in August.

All students who completed the virtual conference are eligible to apply for both the KEC Auxiliary Scholarship and the NRECA Glenn English Scholarship that are designed for youth program alumni.

For more information about the Caney Valley Electric youth programs, contact our office or check out the information on our website at www.caneyvalley.com.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY Tip of the Month

When shopping for new lightbulbs, know the difference between lumens and watts. Lumens measure the amount of light produced by the bulb, while watts measure energy consumption. Energy-saving LEDs come in a variety of colors and brightness levels and last 15-25 times longer than incandescent bulbs. **SOURCE: ENERGY.GOV**



Resolution Adopted June 8, 2021

In order to access FEMA or KDEM funds should the need arise in the future due to natural disasters, your Caney Valley board of trustees approved and adopted the following resolution entitled **KANSAS HOMELAND SECURITY REGION H HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN** at their regular meeting held June 8, 2021, which we are required to publicize for our members:

Whereas, The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

Whereas, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

Whereas, the U. S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 ("Disaster Mitigation Act") emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards;

Whereas, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

Whereas, an adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency(FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

Whereas, The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., fully participated in the FEMA prescribed mitigation planning process to

prepare this Multi- Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials have reviewed the Kansas Homeland Security Region H Hazard Mitigation Plan, and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

Whereas, The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region H Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, adoption by the governing body for The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., demonstrates the jurisdictions' commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this plan, and

Whereas, adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., adopts the Kansas Homeland Security Region H Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

Be it further resolved, The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., will submit this Adoption Resolution to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials to enable the plan's final approval.

Caney Valley's Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	May 2021	May 2020
Meters Billed	5,238	5,244
kWh Purchased	4,168,825	4,086,932
Cost Per kWh	0.08246	0.07473
kWh Sold	3,935,170	3,912,176
Total Revenue	\$ 617,011	\$ 617,910
Purchased Power	\$ 345,725	\$ 306,652
Operating Expenses	\$ 219,914	\$ 246,476
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 70,039	\$ 68,643
Interest Expenses	\$ 39,771	\$ 43,032
Other Expenses	\$ 3,289	\$ 63
Operating Margins	\$ (61,726)	\$ (46,956)
Non-operating Margins	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,548
Total Working Margins	\$ (59,327)	\$ (44,408)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 289,622	\$ 24,773

Statement of Nondiscrimination

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found online at <https://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/ad-3027> or at any USDA office, or call 866-632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter by mail to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20250-9410, by fax 202-690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

Outages for June 2021

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
6/9	West of Longton	31	2 hr 30 min	Bulldozer accident
6/24	Moline area	35	1 hr 20 min	Snake on OCR

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 consumer-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 4 p.m. to 8 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.

Frequently Asked Questions about Peak Control

What is Peak Control?

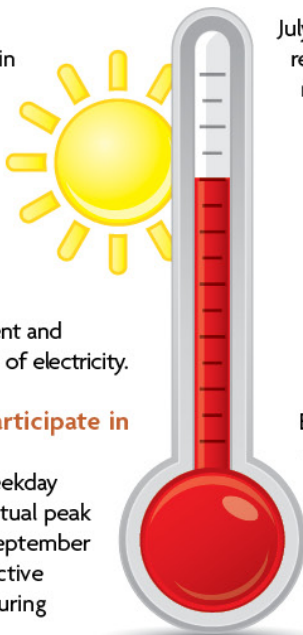
Peak control is a voluntary program in which our cooperative members can participate to hold down electricity costs.

What Can Members Do to Participate in Peak Control?

You can participate by voluntarily reducing your use of electric equipment and appliances that require larger amounts of electricity.

When Do Members Need to Participate in Peak Control?

Between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. every weekday from June 1 through Sept. 30. The actual peak demand for June, July, August and September is the billing demand for each respective month. Special emphasis is placed during



July and August, as the peak electricity demand registered by Caney Valley during those two months drives the electricity billings from our wholesale supplier for the following eight months, October through May. Be aware of days that have high temperatures forecast above 90 degrees; these are the type of days when peak demands usually occur. Be especially careful when using large amounts of electricity on warm days.

What are the Benefits of Taking Part in Peak Control?

By helping hold the line for the kW demand charges on Caney Valley's wholesale electric bill, you will also limit the amount of the resulting power cost adjustment charges added to your electric bill. Please contact our office with any questions you may have about the Peak Control program.