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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for August is \$0.02332/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional \$23.32 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

Remember “Safety First” Around Power Lines

“Safety first” is an old, common phrase which very well describes the daily operations for the cooperative. Our employees, both lineworkers and administrative, perform their work following appropriate safety standards.

Monthly safety meetings are held with professional safety instructors and programs emphasizing the correct work procedures and the importance of working in a safety-minded environment.

“Safety first” on the job benefits the cooperative’s operations even beyond avoiding tragic accidents. It helps to keep employees on the job and not absent due to injury. It builds a common thread of confidence and competence among the employees. It sets a good example for the cooperative members to follow in their work, play and daily activities. It helps to control the cooperative’s costs on workers compensation and general liability insurance.

We encourage the public to also put “safety first” to avoid potential power line hazards. Overhead lines are so com-

Be Aware of Power Line Hazards

- ▶ Aircraft wire strikes
- ▶ Antennas
- ▶ Child in haystack under line
- ▶ Child in tree
- ▶ Children’s kites/toys in line
- ▶ Consumers or contractors trimming trees
- ▶ Delivery truck booms
- ▶ Downed line after car accidents
- ▶ Downed line from farm equipment
- ▶ Electrical work by consumers or electricians
- ▶ Fighting fire from downed line after storm
- ▶ Grain auger
- ▶ Illegal service reconnections
- ▶ Irrigation pipe
- ▶ Ladders and scaffolding
- ▶ Underground service dig-ins
- ▶ Utility construction contractors
- ▶ Well-digging apparatus

mon in our everyday lives, they can fade from view and people can forget the life-threatening danger if contact is made. Shown above is a list of types of public contacts with electric utility power lines that have occurred involving electric cooperatives in recent years.

We all need to be aware of electric power lines and to avoid circumstances which could cause contact with them. Please help us to prevent an accident in our co-op community.

ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY,
GENERAL MANAGER

Three Attend Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp

Three area students attended the 45th annual Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp (CYLC) July 15-21, 2022. The leadership camp was held near Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and hosted 62 student leaders from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming. These high schoolers were sponsored by a total of 31 participating electric cooperatives across the four states.



Macy Haag



Karly Kill



Jacey McIntire

MACY HAAG, KARLY KILL and JACEY MCINTIRE

were selected by Caney Valley Electric based on the leadership skills, academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and character demonstrated in their applications.

During the camp, they learned how an electric cooperative is organized and operated by developing a model-cooperative with fellow students, empowering the campers to elect a board of directors, appoint a general manager, establish committees, and attend daily membership meetings. Camp participants also attended educational seminars on leadership, online reputation management, conflict management, and co-op careers, in addition to presentations on high voltage electricity, raptors and avian protection with

HawkQuest, and a tour of the Yampa Valley Electric community solar array.

Along with its professional development programs, CYLC included a visit to Mount Werner and downtown Steamboat Springs, whitewater rafting on the Colorado River, and other fun activities such as a volleyball tournament, swimming, talent show and a dance.

Caney Valley Electric is proud to continue our sponsorship of our co-op's student leaders at the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp," said Allen Zadorozny, general manager. "It is an honor to help provide students opportunities to grow in their leadership potential and develop the knowledge to further engage in our cooperative community."

Caney Valley Electric sponsors the trip for two or three students each year. For more information on how to attend/send students to camp, contact our office, or check out our website at www.caneyvalley.com/youth-programs.

Caney Valley Electric has been sponsoring students to this camp since 1995. To date, 45 students have been able to attend and represent our cooperative, with two achieving the honor of returning as ambassadors the following year. Thanks to all of you for representing us well!



PLAY IT SAFE. THAT TEXT CAN WAIT.



If it's an emergency, pull over before answering the phone.

LABOR Day *Office Closing*

In observance of Labor Day, our office will be closed on **MONDAY, SEPT. 5**. For outages, call our office at 620-758-2262 or 800-310-8911. Please celebrate the holiday safely!





In August and September, we are once again asking you to participate in the “Peak Control” program. This voluntary program can help hold down the wholesale power costs incurred by the cooperative.

The peak demand for electricity recorded in July and August drives a major part of the wholesale power billing process for the eight off-peak months that follow, October through May. The lower the peak demand registered, the lower demand charges will be. Keeping the peak demand low in June and September is also important.

Please take time to review the key parts of peak control at right. Contact our office at 758-2261 or 800-310-8911 if you have any questions. Thank you for your participation in this program.

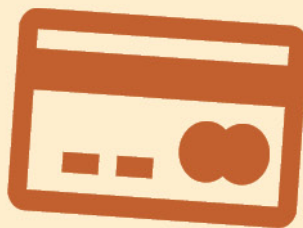
Request to Members Using Credit or Debit Cards

Save on fees by paying by check, cash or bank draft

To continue our transparency as a member-owned and democratically-run cooperative, we want to share how credit and debit card fees affect our business. Caney Valley Electric is charged a fee when a credit or debit card is used for payment on your bills. Currently, the fee is about 1.3% of the amount charged. In the first six months of 2022, the co-op has paid over \$15,000 in fees, which must be recovered through our rates.

INSTEAD OF USING CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS, WE'D LIKE MEMBERS TO CONSIDER PAYING WITH AN E-CHECK, AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT, CHECK OR CASH. E-check fees are much less than credit or debit cards, only \$0.60 each to process. Paying by automatic bank draft, check or cash have **NO FEES** at all.

If you'd like to change your payment method, just let us know next time you pay. You'll be helping all the members of the cooperative by saving costs. Thank you!



FAQs 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 which require larger amounts of electricity.

When do members need to participate in peak control?

During the hours of 3 to 6 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 forecasted 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 (PCA) charges added to your electric bill.

Please contact our office for any questions you may have about the Peak Control program.

Save a Life: Avoid Distractions While Driving

Some temptations are hard to resist. For many, it can be especially challenging to turn down that last piece of chocolate cake.

While driving, we typically hear that “ding” on our phone, alerting us to a text or call coming through, and we sometimes feel the urgent need to check it. We know we shouldn’t, but we reason that we’re going to make an exception — just this once.

So, why do we indulge in behavior we know to be wrong, dangerous and in many states, illegal? Call it hubris. According to AAA research, most people feel they are better-than-average drivers. After all, we have busy lives and are accustomed to multitasking. But mounds of research and thousands of deaths every year prove otherwise.

August is Back to School Safety Month. As a new school year begins with young drivers and school buses back on the road, it is a good time to remind folks of the dangers of distracted driving.

The reality is that using a phone while driving creates enormous potential for injuries and fatalities. Distractions take a

motorist’s attention off driving, which can make a driver miss critical events, objects and cues, potentially leading to a crash.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, one of every 10 fatal crashes in the U.S. involves distracted driving, resulting in more than 3,000 deaths annually. This statistic is heartbreaking considering so many of these accidents could easily be avoided if we’d simply put down our phones while driving.

Distracted driving is considered any activity that diverts our attention, including texting or talking on the phone, and adjusting the navigation or entertainment system. Texting is by far one of the most dangerous distractions. Sending or reading one text takes your eyes off the road for an average of 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that’s like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

In addition to refraining from texting while driving, we can help keep the roads safe by moving over for first responders and other emergency vehicles. Additionally, if you see utility

crews conducting work near the roadside, we encourage you to move over when possible and give them extra space to perform their work safely.

At Caney Valley Electric, safety is foremost in everything we do — for our employees and the members of the communities we serve. We routinely remind our crews of the dangers of distracted driving, and we hope you’ll have similar conversations with your teens who may be new to the roadways and are especially susceptible to the lure of technology.

Let’s work together to keep everyone safe on the roads. Remember: that text can wait and waiting just might save a life.

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	May 2022	May 2021
Meters Billed	5,249	5,238
kWh Purchased	4,768,140	4,168,825
Cost Per kWh	0.08589	0.08246
kWh Sold	4,008,940	3,935,170
Total Revenue	\$ 664,049	\$ 617,011
Purchased Power	\$ 411,410	\$ 345,725
Operating Expenses	\$ 282,772	\$ 219,913
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 71,173	\$ 70,039
Interest Expenses	\$ 40,301	\$ 39,771
Other Expenses	\$ 1,413	\$ 3,289
Operating Margins	\$ (143,020)	\$ (61,726)
Non-operating Margins	\$ 3,005	\$ 2,400
Total Working Margins	\$ (140,015)	\$ (59,326)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ (14,289)	\$ 289,622

Outages for June 2022

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
6/17	West of Moline	15	1 hr 30 min	Bad line arrestor
6/17	NE of Grenola	42	1 hr 40 min	OCR reset
6/26	South of Moline	14	1 hr 20 min	Bird on OCR

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