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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for Aug is $0.01841/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional $18.41 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 suppliers. The PCA varies each month depending on the wholesale costs, and is a flow-through on your electric bill.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Board to Consider Rate Increase

The Board of Trustees of the Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss proposed rate changes. This meeting will be held at the Cedar Vale School, 508 Dora in Cedar Vale. Action on the rates may be taken at that time and become effective with December usage billed on Jan. 1, 2026.

This meeting is open to all members. Members have the right to request that the Kansas Corporation Commission review any rate change by the cooperative as provided by K.S.A. 66-104d(g). If you are unable to attend or have any questions, call the office at 620-758-2262 or send written comments to P.O. Box 308, Cedar Vale, KS 67024-0308.

MONTHLY CUSTOMER CHARGE

In order to have the best projection of the amount a rate increase will create, most of the rate increase is derived from the customer charge. The Monthly Customer Charge is designed to recover the cost of providing the equipment, materials, labor and business overheads to serve each meter regardless of the amount of electricity used. These costs are the same for an electric service using 50 kilowatt-hours (kWh) or 2,000 kWh per month.

The increase in the customer charges will come closer to covering the actual cost of serving each meter. Studies have shown customer charges should be in the $55 to $75 range, depending on the number of meters served by the utility. The residential and general service rates have customer charges. The customer charges would increase $10 per month.

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In observance of Labor Day, our office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1.

As always, if you have trouble or an outage, call our office at 620-758-2262 or 800-310-8911, and your call will be forwarded to our dispatcher who will contact the linemen on call.

	EXISTING RATE	PROPOSED RATE
PCA Base, ¢/kWh	7.0¢	7.0¢
RURAL & TOWN RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Customer Charge, $/month	$29.00	$39.00
Energy Charge: Summer, ¢/kWh	12.66¢	12.66¢
Energy Charge: Winter, ¢/kWh	12.06¢	12.06¢
GENERAL SERVICE SMALL		
Customer Charge		
Single Phase, $/month	$32.00	$42.00
Three Phase, $/month	$35.00	$45.00
Energy Charge: Summer, ¢/kWh	12.66¢	12.66¢
Energy Charge: Winter, ¢/kWh	12.06¢	12.06¢
LARGE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICE		
Demand Charge, $/kW	$8.50	$9.00
Energy Charge, ¢/kWh	10.41¢	10.41¢
LARGE POWER LOAD CONTROL RATE		
Usage for the months of June, July, August and September:		
Coincident Peak Demand, $/CPkW	$16.25	$16.25
Non-Coincident Peak Demand, $/NCPkW	$1.75	$2.25
Usage for the months of October through May:		
Non-Coincident Peak Demand, $/NCPkW	$1.75	$2.25
Energy Charge, ¢/kWh	9.65¢	9.65¢
MUNICIPAL RATES		
Energy Charge, ¢/kWh	11.41¢	11.41¢
IDLE SERVICE RATE		
Charge for a 6-month period	$25.00	$50.00
CONVENIENCE FEE		
Credit/Debit Cards		2.45% on payments
E-Checks		$1.00 on payments
SOLAR		
Net Metering and Parallel Generation Riders		
Small Generation Interconnection Policy		

SUMMER RATES EXAMPLE

The following is an example of how the rate increase affects Rural and Town Residential Service Rates, when the wholesale power cost is 7.5¢/kWh.

	CURRENT	PROPOSED	% INCREASE
Customer Charge	$29.00	$39.00	
PCA	$0.005	$0.005	
Energy Rate kWh	$0.1266	$0.1266	
1,000 kWh	$160.60	$170.60	6.20%
2,000 kWh	$292.20	$302.20	3.40%
3,000 kWh	$423.80	$433.80	2.40%

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Customer Charge	$29.00	$39.00
PCA: 1,000 kWh's *$0.005	$5.00	$5.00
Rat: 1,000 kWh's *$0.1266	$126.60	$126.60
	$160.60	$170.60

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ENERGY CHARGE (kWh)

The Energy Charge for all rate schedules will remain the same.

DEMAND CHARGE (kW)

The Large Commercial and Industrial Service rate and the Large Power Load Control rate have a Demand Charge rather than a Customer Charge. Meters served on this rate require much more investment and maintenance costs to serve. The demand charge is designed for this. The demand charge is increased $0.50/kW on both rate schedules, except for the Large Power Load Control rate's Coincident Peak demand charge, which remains unchanged.

IDLE SERVICE CHARGE

The Idle Service Charge is currently at $25 plus taxes for a six-month time frame, which breaks down to $4.17 plus taxes per month. In order to cover costs related to equipment left on site and taxes the cooperative pays, the proposed rate increase is $50 plus taxes for a six-month time frame.

CONVENIENCE FEES

In case all our members are not aware, Caney Valley Electric is charged a fee whenever a credit or debit card or an e-check is used for payment on your bills. For 2023 the cost to the cooperative was over $32,000; this cost increase to over $34,000 for 2024. These costs have to be recovered through our rates. The proposed change is to add a 2.45% convenience fee to only payments taken with a debit or credit card and to a $1 convenience fee per e-check transaction.

SOLAR RIDERS AND POLICIES

The Kansas State Legislature's new law governing parallel generation and net-metering with renewable energy sources have changed the required payment to members with parallel generation decreasing from 150% to 100% for the excess generation received by the cooperative. The net-metering law now states the cooperatives have the option to not give payment or credit to the member for the excess net energy delivered to the cooperative. The excess net energy delivered to the cooperative shall be retained by the cooperative as a contribution to fixed costs associated with owning and maintaining the facilities required to provide service when the customer-generator cannot meet its own consumption needs. The proposal is to grandfather the current solar members, but to change the rider and policy for future solar members to match the new law requirements.

ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY, GENERAL MANAGER

Control Your Peak Usage

For August and September, we are once 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 below. Contact our office at 620-758-2261 or 800-310-8911 if you have any questions. Thank you for your participation in this program.

WHAT IS PEAK CONTROL?

PEAK CONTROL is a voluntary program for cooperative members to take an active role in holding down electricity costs.

HOW CAN MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN PEAK CONTROL?

Members can voluntarily reduce use of electric equipment and appliances that require larger amounts of electricity.

WHEN DO MEMBERS NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN PEAK CONTROL?

From 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.

Members are asked to reduce energy use on days when temperatures are forecast to be above 90 degrees, as those are the days when peak demands usually occur.

WHY SHOULD MEMBERS TAKE PART IN PEAK CONTROL?

By helping hold the line for the kilowatt demand charges on Caney Valley's wholesale electric bill, members can limit the amount of the resulting power cost adjustment (PCA) charges added to their electric bill.

Call our office with any questions about the Peak Control program.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Replace your cooling system's filter regularly to maintain strong airflow and boost energy efficiency. A clean filter means your system doesn't have to work as hard, saving energy and lowering your utility bills. Factors like allergies and pets in the home can impact how often filters should be replaced. Check the filter every month and replace it as needed. Changing filters regularly also reduces wear and tear on your cooling system, helping extend the life of the unit. **SOURCE: WWW.ENERGY.GOV**

Employee Spotlight

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

Craig Lampson

CRAIG LAMPSON, Sedan, was hired as a lineman for Caney Vally on Sept. 5, 1978. He was promoted to line superintendent in May 1995, and still holds that position.

Craig enjoys working at a member-owned cooperative and working with the members and staff.

"Although the cooperative is limited on what we can do about the electric rates, we do care about the service we provide," he said.

He is thankful of the "one-on-one" approach that most utilities can't offer. He's also been glad for the opportunity in his position to hire many young men that have developed into outstanding linemen in their trade, and can stay and live in our rural area of Kansas and support their families.

Craig's grandfather, Sherman Lampson, was on the original board that formed Caney Valley back in the early 1940s. His mother, Marge Lampson, worked at the cooperative when she was pregnant with Craig in the early 1950s.

He enjoys tinkering in his shop on about anything. He collects antiques and old stuff, especially line-related items such as insulators, hardware, and anything related to linework, the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), and early Caney Valley Electric history.

Craig will complete 47 years with Caney Valley Sept. 5, with plans to retire and play more golf, do some fishing and spend more time with his grandkids.

OUTAGES FOR JUNE 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
6/1	Sedan	1	5 hrs 5 mins	Animal
6/2	Cedar Vale	1	1 day 1 hr	Trees
6/3	East of Dexter	1	12 hrs 10 mins	Secondary Conductor
6/3	West of Moline	1	16 hrs 40 mins	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
6/3	South and East of Oak Valley	2	13 hrs 30 mins	Trees
6/3	North and East of Howard	1	2 days	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
6/3	East of Sedan	4	17hrs 15 mins	Trees
6/3	West of Hale	2	19hrs 40 mins	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
6/3	North of Sedan	2	19 hrs	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
6/3	Cedar Vale	1	16 hrs 35 mins	Fuse Failure
6/3	South of Chautauqua	3	16 hrs 40 mins	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
6/6	South of Sedan	1	10 hrs 25 mins	Lightning
6/7	South of Sedan	1	8 hrs	Lightning
6/7	Sedan Substation	120	35 mins	Lightning
6/7	Silverdale Metering Point	50	5 hrs 20 mins	Power Supply
6/8	West of Sedan	1	7 hrs 20 mins	Transformer Fuse
6/8	West of Cedar Vale	1	15 hrs 45 mins	Fuse Failure
6/8	South of Cedar Vale	1	1 day 21 hrs	Trees
6/10	Hwy 99 Circuit	92	30 mins	Animals
6/17	Hwy 99	150	45 mins	Lightning
6/17	East of Maple City	11	1 hrs 30 mins	Lightning Arresters
6/17	West of Cedar Vale	4	2 hrs 40 mins	Lightning
6/17	Cedar Vale	1	2 days	Transformer Fuse
6/17	Cedar Vale Substation	760	40 mins	Transmission
6/17	Cedar Vale	7	5 hrs 25 mins	Lightning
6/18	West of Elgin	3	6 hrs 40 mins	Trees
6/20	Parsons Corner South	38	25 mins	Scheduled
6/20	East of Atlanta	10	3 hrs	Broken Jumper/Hotline Clamp
6/23	North of Havana	1	17 hrs 30 mins	Transformer Fuse
6/24	Sedan: North 1/2	669	43 mins	Trees
6/24	West of Oak Valley	10	1 hr 36 mins	Animal
6/26	North of Havana	3	14 hrs	Lightning
6/26	West of Cedar Vale	4	50 mins	Lightning
6/27	East of Atlanta	2	2 hrs 20 mins	Lightning
6/29	Sedan Substation	55	1 hrs 15 mins	Lightning
6/29	North of Havana	6	8 hrs 50 mins	Lightning
6/29	Wayside	1	13 hrs	Lightning
6/29	North of Grenola/West of Howard	2	13 hrs	Trees
6/29	Burden Substation	146	2 hrs 20 mins	Power Supply
6/29	Tisdale Substation	93	50 mins	Power Supply
6/30	West of Sedan	50	2 hrs 30 mins	Lightning

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MAY OPERATING STATISTICS

For Month Ending	May 2024	May 2025	For Month Ending	May 2024	May 2025	For Month Ending	May 2024	May 2025
Meters Billed	5,171	5,170	Total Revenue	$ 657,538	$ 654,161	Other Expenses	$ 536	$ 1,439
kWh Purchased	4,534,025	4,367,080	Purchased Power	$ 348,263	$ 360,937	Operating Margins	$ (78,053)	$ (128,707)
Cost Per kWh Purchased	0.07634	0.08224	Operating Expenses	$ 267,935	$ 296,403	Non-operating Margins	$ 3,935	$ 2,995
kWh Sold	3,908,554	3,932,541	Depreciation Expenses	$ 76,040	$ 77,755	Total Working Margins	$ (74,117)	$ (125,712)
			Interest Expenses	$ 42,817	$ 46,334	Margins Year-to-Date	$ (91,048)	$ (104,540)