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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for September is \$0.0113/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional \$11.3 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.

Time of Use Matters

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 of 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

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. Allison Hamilton, senior principal for markets and rates at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, explains it this way:

“People wake up in the morning, they turn on their coffee makers, they take showers, they get ready to go to work, they go to work, then all the computers and buildings are powering up, and there's this peak demand for electricity that has to be met. The infrastructure has to be there to serve that demand. Then later in the day, people go home, turn on their lights, eventually go to bed, and then they aren't using as much power, but there still needs to be the infrastructure there for the next morning when they get up and start all over.”

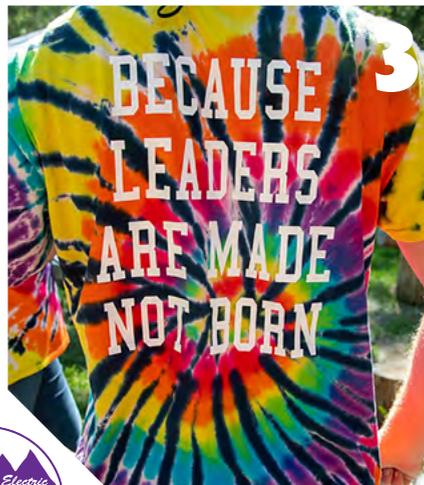
Caney Valley Electric pays more for electricity during those morning and evening energy rush hours in two ways: either by having a power plant there to make sure enough electricity is available or by actually paying more to purchase electricity from another utility with excess power at the time. And those peaks in energy use get even higher when it's especially hot or cold outside, as air conditioners or heaters use extra power.

So, you can help level out that pattern of energy peaks and valleys by simply adjusting when and how you use electricity.

HAPPY LABOR DAY

Hats off to our staff! In observance of Labor Day,
our office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2.





1. More than 100 students from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming represented their electric co-ops.
2. Hawk Quest gave a live raptor presentation.
3. Leadership lessons focused on becoming the leader the youth were meant to be.
4. Presenters taught many different leadership skills during camp.
5. From left: Reagan Warburton, Nile Osburn and Mary Leniton represented Caney Valley Electric at the 2019 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp.



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COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO

Local Students Attend Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp

MARY LENITON, NILE OSBURN and **REAGAN WARBURTON** were selected to attend the 43rd annual Cooperative Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, from July 12-18. Joining their peers from across Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming, approximately 100 youth learned about the cooperative principles at the weeklong educational retreat.

Caney Valley Electric is proud to be a participating sponsor of the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp and send our local youth to develop essential leadership and teamwork skills," said Allen Zadorozny, General Manager "Through this trip, we hope these local students will learn how electric cooperatives work and how co-ops and their employees support the communities they serve."

The Kansas and Oklahoma participants met as they boarded the bus along its route to Colorado. When the bus arrived in Denver, the group was treated to an indoor skydiving experience and STEM educational lab at iFLY. When the group arrived at Glen Eden Resort, nestled in the Rocky Mountains, the campers immediately formed a candy cooperative and began daily membership meetings where a general manager, board of directors and committees were selected. The weeklong experience also gave participants an authentic camp feel with a hike to Fish Creek Falls, river rafting, volleyball tournament, swimming, a dance and a talent show.

Several demonstrations and presentations enhanced students' knowledge of the cooperative

business model and on operations at their electric cooperative. Campers competed to build a model transmission line out of craft supplies, toured Trapper Mine, Craig Power Plant and watched a high-voltage safety demonstration. They also heard several leadership presentations, which impacted the students. "The leadership speakers at camp seemed to really connect with all of us. Each taught leadership skills in different and interesting ways. I will be using each lesson when I return to school in August," stated Leniton, West Elk High School.

The campers also raised \$293.13 to donate to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) International Foundation. The money will be used to purchase backpacks and school supplies for students who attend school in Sillab, Guatemala.

When asked, what memory will you always have with you from this trip? Osburn, Sedan High School, said, "We had many great leadership activities that helped me step out of my comfort zone. It was really a life-changing experience."

"Everyone was super open and inclusive right from the start. Every person here was a go-getter and just made you want to do more for yourself and everyone around you," added Warburton, Cedar Vale High School.

Overall, the campers said they left CYLC with a new sense of leadership and a basic understanding of how their local electric cooperatives operate and how they contribute to improve the communities they serve.

Non-Profits Benefit from Sharing Success Program

Caney Valley Electric has partnered with CoBank to provide monetary donations to two local charitable organizations: **KANSAS 4-H FOUNDATION** and the **SEDAN AREA FOUNDATION**.

The donations were a part of CoBank’s “Sharing Success” Charitable Contribution Program for 2019. CoBank, a cooperative bank serving agribusinesses and rural infrastructure and headquartered near Denver, Colorado, provides financial services to co-ops, such as Caney Valley Electric, throughout the United States.

Caney Valley’s board of trustees provided a \$1,100 donation to the Kansas 4-H Foundation, which will benefit 11 4-H clubs in the cooperative’s service territory. A \$1,000 donation was made to the Sedan Area Foundation for building improvements at the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds. Both of these donations were matched by CoBank.

Throughout rural America, electric cooperatives are working to improve the quality of life in their communities. Caney Valley Electric is excited and proud to take part in assisting these foundations and the communities we serve.



Allen Zadorozny, Caney Valley general manager, (right) presents Steve Clark, representative of the Sedan Area Foundation, with checks for that organization.

Caney Valley’s Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	June 2019	June 2018
Meters Billed	5,299	5,376
kWh Purchased	5,413,170	6,052,074
Cost per kWh	0.08680	0.08468
kWh Sold	4,014,535	4,795,688
Total Revenue	\$ 672,922	\$ 755,448
Purchased Power	\$ 470,798	\$ 513,440
Operating Expenses	\$ 219,331	\$ 212,263
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 67,831	\$ 66,503
Interest Expenses	\$ 49,124	\$ 43,612
Other Expenses	\$ 1,535	\$ 749
Operating Margins	\$ (135,697)	\$ (81,119)
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 1,898	\$ 1,814
Total Margins	\$ (133,799)	\$ (79,305)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ (88,331)	\$ (4,963)

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Outages for July 2019

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
7/2	Sedan substation	1509	20 min	Westar off
7/7	Longton sub-north phase	50	65 min	Lighting hit OCR
7/10	Grenola substation	468	3 hr 15 min	Westar off
7/10	Sedan substation	1509	15 min	Westar off
7/18	Cedar Vale sub-west circuit	254	10 min	OCR opened
7/21	Silverdale substation	174	2 hr 45 min	Lightning