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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for September is \$0.02107/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional \$21.07 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

Your Cost for Electric Service

Now that we are experiencing the hot summer months, many of you will receive your highest electric bills of the year.

Your board of trustees closely monitors the financial operations of your cooperative to assure you are paying electric rates that are as fair and reasonable as possible. Caney Valley's electric rates historically have been higher than we would like them to be. There are many reasons why this is the case, and I would be glad to discuss them personally with you in detail.

The average cost all of the members are paying is 12% more than the cost 10 years ago. This cost includes the effect of an 8% increase in rates that began in October 2014. Also, the customer charge per meter was increased \$12 in 2019.

The average cost per kilowatt-hour

in 2012 was 14.3¢. The average cost in 2022 is 16.0¢. A condition adversely affecting the cooperative's operations is that about 30% of the 5,211 meters served use less than 100 kilowatt-hours per month.

We are continually working to hold the line on rates. As you know from your experiences with your personal and business finances, prices and costs for goods and services rarely stay the same or decrease. Usually, costs overall continue to rise. It is the same with the cooperative's operations as we work to provide reliable electric service at a justifiable cost to the members.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments about the cost or quality of your electric service.

ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY,
GENERAL MANAGER

ENERGY EFFICIENCY Tip of the Month

Our faucets and appliances use a lot of hot water, which accounts for a large portion of home energy bills. You can lower your water heating costs by using less hot water in your home. To save energy (and money!) used for water heating, repair any leaky faucets, install low-flow fixtures and insulate accessible hot water lines. When it's time to purchase a new washing machine or dishwasher, look for models that are Energy Star®-certified.

SOURCE: WWW.ENERGY.GOV



Three Students Attend Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp

MACY HAAG, KARLY KILL and JACEY MCINTIRE attended the 45th annual Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp (CYLC) from July 15-21, 2022. The leadership camp was held near Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and hosted 62 student leaders from Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Wyoming. These high schoolers were sponsored by 32 participating cooperatives across the four states.

Haag, Kill and McIntire were selected by Caney Valley Electric Cooperative based on the leadership skills, academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and character demonstrated in their applications and responses to provided questionnaires.

During the camp, students learned how an electric cooperative is organized and operated by developing a model-cooperative. This empowered 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.

The speakers seemed to impact the students the most. McIntire was thankful to find new ways to show leadership.

"The experience that affected me most were



From left: Jacey McIntire, Karly Kill and Macy Haag represented Caney Valley Electric at the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in July.

some of the speakers that came in," Haag said. "It opened up a lot of new ideas and helped me to become a better leader."

Kill added, "When the speakers spoke about how you're never the same person twice, I was most affected. I realized that each moment in life is significant, and that I need to appreciate that more and take more risks."

"Caney Valley Electric is proud to continue our sponsorship of our co-op's student leaders at the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp," Allen Zadorozny, general manager, said. "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 has sponsored the trip for up to three students each year since 1995. For more information on how to attend/send students to camp, contact our office or check on our website at www.caneyvalley.com under Member Services/Youth Programs.

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Kennedy Retires After 32 Years at Co-op

Congratulations to **BOB KENNEDY**, Sedan, who retired from Caney Valley Electric July 29!

Kennedy started March 1, 1990, as an apprentice lineman, moved up to journeyman, and then ended his cooperative career as the staking engineer.

We wish Bob all the best in retirement! Thank you for your service!

Right: Bob Kennedy (left) received a plaque of appreciation from Allen Zadorozny, general manager, for 32 years of service.



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!



Caney Valley Electric and CoBank Make Donation to Gregg Theater

The Caney Valley Electric Board of Trustees sponsors an annual community project and after looking for a worthy cause, this year they selected the **GREGG THEATER** in Sedan.

Allen Zadorozny, manager of Caney Valley Electric Cooperative and Dan Hubert, a co-op board member, met on Aug. 10, 2022, to present checks totaling \$4,000 to the Sedan Area Economic Development Committee (SAEDC). The Caney Valley Electric Board of Trustees voted to donate \$2,000 to the theater, and that donation was matched by the CoBank Sharing Success Program bringing the donation to \$4,000. CoBank is a financial institution that works with co-ops to maximize their investments and financial needs.

Over the past year, the Gregg Theater has been undergoing renovations inside and out. The outside received a facelift with new paint, keeping with the original color theme, while the inside presented a larger challenge. The concession stand was gutted and redone, along with remodeling the bathrooms, making them handicap accessible. The foyer floor was redone with new tile and the theater also had to install new electronic equipment because the movies are now digitalized. A massive amount of cleaning was also done since it has been closed for many months. All of this work was done by volunteers, who also run the movie theater each weekend.

About a year ago the ownership of the theater was transferred from Roger and Austin Floyd of Floyd's Supermarket to SAEDC with Toni Nusz of Ackerman's Hardware and Lumber being the main contact for the theater.

"SAEDC is very excited to receive this sizable donation and will be meeting soon to decide where the greatest need is



From left: Sedan Area Economic Development Committee board members Toni Nusz, Sue Kill, Lee Coate, Linda Chrisman, and Leah Lawrence with Dan Hubert, Caney Valley trustee; and Allen Zadorozny, Caney Valley general manager.

to continue with the renovations," Nusz said. "The theater shows newly released films each Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons for a very reasonable cost. We are extremely grateful for Caney Valley Electric Cooperative and CoBank for making this donation."

Electricity Complacency

Stay Safe on Your Ranch or Farm

Farmers and ranchers must take countless precautions to stay safe. Unfortunately, electrical hazards can be overlooked since electricity cannot be seen or heard and overhead power lines often fade into the rural landscape.

Here are some electrical safety tips to implement on your farm or ranch:

- ▶ Look for exposed energized parts and unguarded electrical equipment that could become energized unexpectedly.
- ▶ Be careful when operating watering tanks with electric pumps. Ensure irrigation systems are not spraying water into or near overhead power lines.
- ▶ Inspect electrical fencing regularly to ensure that everything is tight and secure and that no parts are frayed.
- ▶ Ensure your electric fence is well supported. A lack of support can cause it to sag, leading to animals escaping or electrical issues.
- ▶ Make sure electric fencing is visible by using electric fence tape, warning signs or other methods.
- ▶ Cap posts, especially metal T-posts, to prevent an animal (or human) from becoming impaled.
- ▶ Be aware of overhead power lines when moving hay bales.
- ▶ Do not store hay bales under power lines.
- ▶ Be aware that tarps covering hay can come loose and blow in heavy winds, sometimes causing an outage if the tarp gets too close or contacts a power line.
- ▶ When using a generator and double throw switch, make sure they are in good working order and up to code.
- ▶ Check electrical center pivot equipment before and after use to ensure it is grounded, that the housing is protected, and the wiring is sound. This protects livestock and people.
- ▶ Regularly inspect irrigation equipment. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for inspection and maintenance.
- ▶ Always turn off the power before working on an irrigation system.
- ▶ After a storm, make sure the irrigation system is still grounded and has not been affected by lighting.
- ▶ Position irrigation pipes at least 15 feet away from power lines; store unused pipes away from power lines.
- ▶ Always be aware of overhead power line locations and use a spotter when working close to lines or poles.
- ▶ Follow safe digging procedures; call 811 to have underground utilities marked before breaking ground.

To learn more about electrical safety on the ranch or farm or in general, visit SafeElectricity.org

Outages for July 2022

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
7/8	Cambridge area	20	1 hr 15 min	Snake on OCR
7/24	Wayside area	17	2 hr 10 min	Transformer failure

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	June 2022	June 2021
Meters Billed	5,243	5,246
kWh Purchased	5,970,301	5,765,149
Cost Per kWh	0.09183	0.09423
kWh Sold	4,440,268	3,809,162
Total Revenue	\$ 743,437	\$ 635,609
Purchased Power	\$ 549,853	\$ 544,754
Operating Expenses	\$ 277,232	\$ 238,307
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 71,269	\$ 70,105
Interest Expenses	\$ 44,012	\$ 38,814
Other Expenses	\$ 443	\$ 4,270
Operating Margins	\$ (199,372)	\$ (260,642)
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 3,669	\$ 3,200
Total Working Margins	\$ (195,703)	\$ (257,442)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ (209,992)	\$ 32,180

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