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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for September is \$0.01115/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional \$11.15 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

Solar Project Underway

During August, onsite work was started by Today's Power, Inc., to construct a 1-megawatt solar electric generation facility connected to the cooperative's system. The solar panels will be located one-third mile south of the Sedan voltage switch station.

The solar project will enable the cooperative to have reliable access to a fixed, low wholesale power cost to blend with the power received from Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo), the cooperative's wholesale electric provider.

The 1 MW solar generation is 7% of the cooperative's normal peak power requirements. The power cost adjustment (PCA) factor charge per kWh will include the cost reductions from the solar generation. The cooperative's overall general operating expenses are not affected, and will be ongoing as routinely experienced.

Today's Power, Inc. (TPI) of North Little Rock, Arkansas, has similar installations in operation with many Kansas electric cooperatives. TPI owns and operates the facilities which includes 3,408 panels. The panels have the latest technology capabilities. TPI provides the engineering, procurements, construction, operations and maintenance of the solar field. The purchase power agreement is for 25 years at the same cost per kWh.

The solar generation site is very visible along the business route of 166-Highway southwest of Sedan. We encourage you to watch the progress as you drive by the next few months. Completion is scheduled for early spring 2024.

Please contact me for any questions, observations or comments.

ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY,
GENERAL MANAGER

LABOR Day
Office Closing

In observance of Labor Day,
our office will be closed on
MONDAY, SEPT. 4.

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.

5 Factors to Consider Before INSTALLING HOME SOLAR

Find out your home's energy use.

Look at your energy bill(s) to review kWh usage for the past 12-24 months and calculate the average monthly usage.

Contact your electric utility.

Because most residential systems are tied to the power grid, reach out about connection requirements, fees and possible incentives.

Location, location, location.

Start considering panel location. Assess the age, size and condition of your roof as well as available ground space.

Get several quotes.

There are costs other than equipment, such as permitting, installation and inspection. Make sure all costs are included in quotes.

Do your homework.

Ensure the company you are considering has installers who are specially trained and certified to install solar, among other factors.

To learn more, visit www.energy.gov and search for "Homeowner's Guide to Going Solar." Use the drop-down titled "How Much Power Can I Generate with Solar?" for information on PVWatts, a solar energy production and cost estimator.

CoBank Matches Recent Donations



Steve Clark (right), Caney Valley trustee, presents Kayla Ford, Sedan librarian, with two checks for the Sedan Public Library's building fund. One check is from Caney Valley Electric Cooperative to be used for their renovation of the newly acquired building and the second check is a matching contribution from CoBank of Greenwood Village, Colorado.

The Board of Trustees of Caney Valley Electric approved a donation in June to the **SEDAN PUBLIC LIBRARY** and applied for matching grant funds through CoBank's Sharing Success program, which were subsequently approved by CoBank.

CoBank has sponsored this program since 2012. The \$5 million fund is a

cornerstone of CoBank's corporate citizenship efforts, matching donations by the bank's customers to nonprofit organizations in communities across the nation.

The board also approved their annual donation in April to 4-H clubs in our service territory, and CoBank also matched those funds.

Outages for JULY 2023

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
7/1	Sedan Substation	1424	1 hr 10 min	Lost high-side fuse in substation
7/5	A-phase on Grenola Substation	73	2 hrs	OCR in substation due to lightning
7/5	Independence shortcut	25	3 hr 35 min	Lightning damaged epoxilator
7/9	Cedar Vale Substation A-phase	200	1 hr 40 min	Reset OCR
7/10	Havana area	37	1 hr 30 min	Hawk on OCR
7/14	East of Sedan	26	15 min	Reset OCR due to lightning
7/17	Sedan Substation	1424	45 min	Transmission pole broken in wind storm
7/17	Cedar Vale Substation	777	1 hr	Transmission pole broken in wind storm
7/17	Phillips Substation (Maple City, Dexter)	222	1 hr 10 min	Transmission pole broken in wind storm
7/20	North of Hoosier corner	37	10 hr 30 min	5 broken poles storm
7/20	East of Dexter	20	3 hrs 30 min	5 broken poles storm
7/20	North of Cedar Vale	30	5 hr 5 min	OCR failed due to broken poles

Three Students Attend Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp



KARLI JARBOE, LEVI MCINTIRE and **SAVANNAH STROOT** attended the 46th Annual Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp (CYLC) from July 14-20, 2023. The leadership camp was held near Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and hosted 43 student leaders from Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Wyoming, sponsored by 25 participating cooperatives.

The students were selected by Caney Valley Electric based on leadership skills, academic achievements, extracurricular activities, character demonstrated in their applications, responses to questionnaires, and testing results.

During the camp, the students learned how an electric cooperative is organized and operated by developing a model-cooperative with their 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



Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp attendees pose on top of Mt. Werner near Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The 2023 CYLC hosted 43 student leaders from Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Wyoming, sponsored by 25 participating cooperatives.

management, and co-op careers, in addition to presentations on high voltage electricity, raptors and avian protection with HawkQuest, and tours of the Craig Power Station and the Yampa Valley Electric community solar array.

"The thing that has affected me the most was the leadership presentations," McIntire said. "It helped me get out of my comfort zone and meet lots of new, great people."

Stroot noted that, "Being on the board of directors affected me the most because it allowed me to learn more about leadership in co-ops."

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.

"Being out doing activities that are fun and can help me learn affected me the most," Jarboe said. "Just being around all the great energy these people have."

"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 has been annually sponsoring two or three students to this camp since 1995. To date, 48 students have attended and represented our cooperative, with two achieving the honor of returning as ambassadors the following 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. Applications are due mid-January each year.

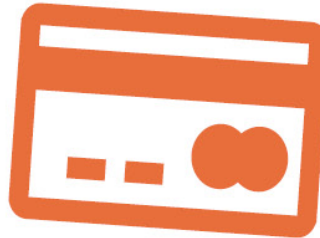
Thanks to Karli, Levi and Savannah for representing us well!



From left: Karli Jarboe, Levi McIntire and Savannah Stroot pose in front of the Elk River.

Request to Members Using Credit or Debit Cards

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



In case all our members are not aware, Caney Valley Electric is charged a fee whenever a credit or debit card is used for payment on your bills. The fee averages about 1.3% of the amount charged. In 2022, the cost to the cooperative was over \$32,000. This cost has to be recovered through our rates.

We'd like for all members to consider paying with an e-check, by bank draft, or with regular check or cash instead. The e-checks cost us only 60 cents each. Signing up for automatic bank drafts, where your bill is automatically debited from your checking account each month, does not incur a fee at all, which holds true for regular checks or cash.

For example, if you have a \$200 bill and pay by credit or debit card, it costs the cooperative about \$2.60 to take your payment. If you paid by e-check, it would only be 60 cents. We are not charged a fee for bank drafts, checks and cash.

If you'd consider changing the method by which you make your payment, just let us know next time you pay. By doing so, you'll be helping all the members of the cooperative by saving costs. Please call our office for more information at 620-758-2262.

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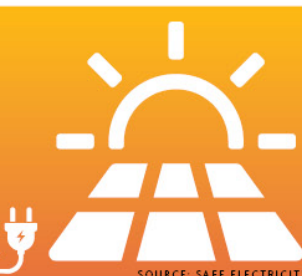
ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Did you know fall is the perfect time to schedule a heating system tune-up? Home heating accounts for a large portion of winter energy bills, and no matter what kind of system you have, you can save energy and money by regularly maintaining your equipment. Combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings can save about 30% on your energy bills. **SOURCE: WWW.ENERGY.GOV**



SAFETY TIP

If you are considering a home solar array, contact your local electric utility early in the process. Your utility will work with installers to ensure proper and safe connection to the power grid.



SOURCE: SAFE ELECTRICITY

JUNE OPERATING STATISTICS

For Month Ending	June 2022	June 2023		June 2022	June 2023		June 2022	June 2023
Meters Billed	5,243	5,196	Total Revenue	\$ 743,437	\$ 711,561	Other Expenses	\$ 443	\$ 1,108
kWh Purchased	5,970,301	5,583,567	Purchased Power	\$ 549,853	\$ 506,388	Operating Margins	\$ (199,372)	\$ (200,829)
Cost Per kWh	0.09183	0.09039	Operating Expenses	\$ 277,232	\$ 289,021	Non-Operating Margins	\$ 3,669	\$ 4,558
kWh Sold	4,440,268	4,317,557	Depreciation Expenses	\$ 71,269	\$ 73,424	Total Working Margins	\$ (195,703)	\$ (196,271)
			Interest Expenses	\$ 44,012	\$ 42,448	Margins Year-to-Date	\$ (209,992)	\$ (133,407)