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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for November is \$0.01648/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional \$16.48 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

Know What to do Around a Downed Power Line

Old Man Winter can create some pretty severe storms, which can interfere with power distribution or even bring down lines.

What is the most important thing to remember about a downed power line?

Do Not Go Near it — for Any Reason

After a storm has caused damage in or alongside a roadway, be alert and slow down. Do not attempt to drive over downed lines. Do not try to drive through water or over snow or debris that may be covering downed lines. Driving over a line can pull more lines or related equipment down.

If you encounter a downed line, pull over and report the location to 911.

Can I Tell if a Downed Line is Energized by Looking?

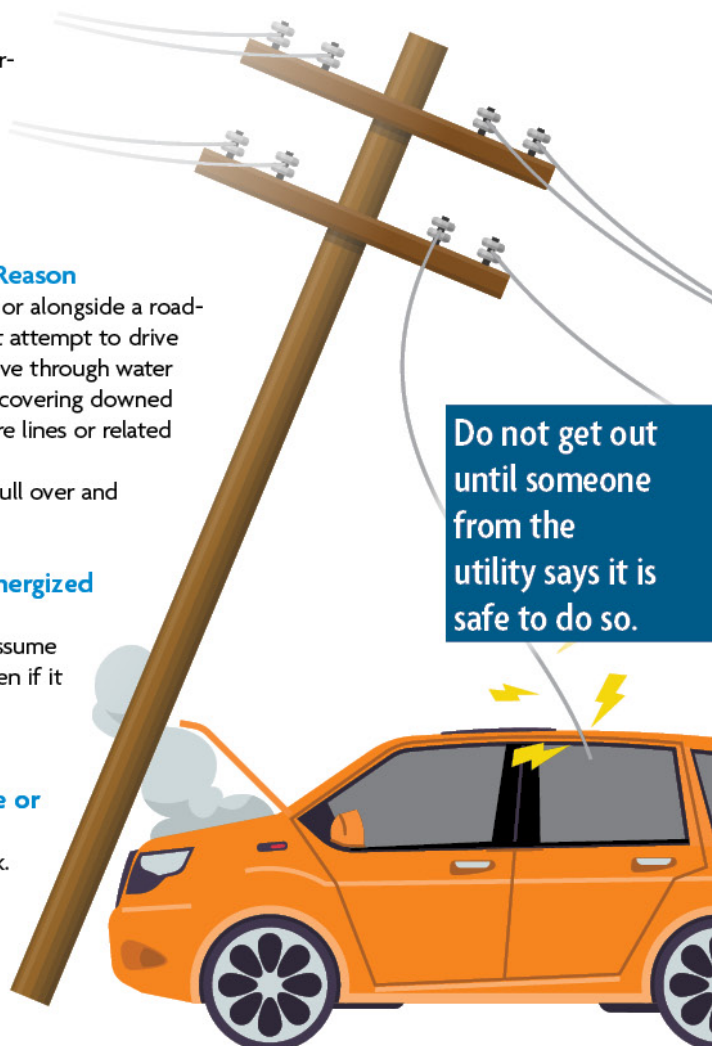
No, there is no way to tell. Always assume a downed line (or any line) is live, even if it is not buzzing or sparking.

What Should I do if I am in an Accident Involving a Power Line or Other Electrical Equipment?

DO NOT get out of your car or truck.

It is always safer to remain inside a vehicle, which acts as an insulator and keeps you out of the path of

Do not get out until someone from the utility says it is safe to do so.



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stray electricity. Call 911, and tell the dispatcher a downed line or other electrical equipment is involved. Power company personnel will be dispatched to the scene to de-energize the electricity.

Is There any Reason I Should Get Out of the Vehicle?

Yes, but only when your vehicle is on fire or if you see smoke. If that is the case, make a clean jump from the vehicle without touching it (cross your arms closely to your chest), and then hop with feet together as far as you can — preferably 50 or more feet away.

What Happens to the Electrical Current when a Line is Down?

Once a power line is in contact with a vehicle, the ground or other objects, it energizes the area. The electrical current spreads to the vehicle and ground, and it ripples out. Each “ring” of the ripple represents a different voltage. Stepping from one voltage to the next can cause your body to become a path for electricity and electrocute you. This is why you should hop or shuffle once you make a clean jump from the vehicle. Always keep your feet together — think of hopping like a bunny or shuffling like a penguin.

What else can I do?

Put your window down and yell to others not to approach the scene. They could be shocked or electrocuted if they walk or run over the energized area or touch anything that is energized.

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GENERAL MANAGER

Empower Children to Stay Safe Outdoors

According to the National Institutes of Health, electricity causes approximately 1,000 deaths and 30,000 injuries in the United States each year, 20% of which occur in children. Empower your family with electrical safety knowledge that can potentially save their lives. Always remember that electricity is everywhere, even when playing outdoors, away from screens and other plug-in devices.

- ▶ Electrical substations may spark a child's imagination with high towers and sprawling gates, but make sure your children know never to enter one for any reason. An adult should call the electrical utility for help if a lost pet or toy finds its way into a substation.
- ▶ Always assume that power lines are energized and dangerous. Inform children to stay away from downed or low-hanging power lines, and if they see one, ask them to notify an adult. The utility company will send a professional to assist.
- ▶ Children should never play with, climb on or open pad-mounted transform-

ers or outdoor electrical “green” boxes. They contain electrical equipment for underground service to homes and businesses and may be dangerous. If children see a box that is open or damaged, they should stay away from it and tell an adult to contact the utility.

- ▶ While it may look like fun, never play on a flooded street or in a water-filled ditch. The water may hide fallen power lines or damaged electrical equipment, which could cause serious injury or death.
- ▶ Do not plan outdoor activities if a thunderstorm is expected. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last observed clap of thunder or lightning bolt to play outside.
- ▶ If enjoying the outdoors near water, such as a lake or pool, never use electronics with damp hands or while standing in water.
- ▶ Kites and other flying devices, such as toy airplanes or drones, should only be used in large, open areas far away from power lines and electrical equipment.

OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS

for kids

Share these ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS with children and teens to help keep them safe.



1

DO NOT climb or sit on green boxes or other electrical equipment.



2

STAY AWAY from electrical equipment marked “keep out,” “high voltage” or “danger.”



3

NEVER ENTER the fenced area around a substation to retrieve an item or pet.



4

FLY kites, remote-control devices and drones **FAR AWAY** from overhead power lines.



Hunting Kansas Safely

Hunting is ranked as one of the safer activities when compared with other sports, including baseball, football, basketball and jogging. Over the past 20 years, the number of unintentional firearm fatalities has declined. From 1997 to 2017, the number dropped by 50%, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF.org).

Hunters should put safety first, as incidents and accidents do happen. Cardiac disease, lacerations and tree-stand accidents are the most common reasons for hunters to visit the emergency room. Be safe out there and follow these guidelines:

- ▶ Watch for the warning signs of a heart attack or other life-threatening condition. Hunters may walk far distances while hunting and recovering an animal, which can increase the heart rate and induce heart attacks.
- ▶ Wear a full-body harness when in a tree stand to prevent falls that can cause serious injury.
- ▶ Do not lean tree stands against utility poles. Keep them far from overhead power lines.
- ▶ Watch for power lines in wooded areas. Make sure they will not be in your line of sight when shooting.
- ▶ Write and share a hunting plan. Where will the hunt take place and for how long?
- ▶ Keep your cell phone in a pocket

Hunters spend approximately **\$25,944,894** on Kansas hunting licenses of all types. And the total numbers of hunting licenses, tags, permits and stamps is over **468,000**, according to 2021 data compiled by stacker.com

- rather than in a pack. Take a portable battery charger.
 - ▶ Check tree stands regularly; they can deteriorate over time.
 - ▶ Know the hunting area. Check boundaries and avoid private land. Survey the area for potential electrical hazards.
 - ▶ Always carry a first-aid kit.
 - ▶ Respect firearms: Have the safety on, handle the gun like it is always loaded, always point it away from others and know what and where the target is.
 - ▶ Do not fire at power lines, insulators or conductor cans. They can drop to the ground and energize your surroundings or cause a fire.
 - ▶ Wear blaze orange.
- To learn more about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.



STAY SAFE OUT ON THE HUNT

Take precautions to stay safe on your next hunting expedition.

Know the signs of a heart attack or other life-threatening condition.

Have a way to get in touch with the outside world.

Always implement firearm safety techniques.

Do not lean a tree stand against a utility pole.

Do not fire at power lines, insulators or conductor cans.

Carry a first-aid kit.

Check the weather in advance and be prepared.

Survey the area for potential electrical hazards.

Check tree stands regularly for stability.

Be visible: Wear blaze orange.

Cold Weather Rule Begins November 1

The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) adopted a statewide, uniform cold weather disconnection rule on March 20, 1989, which governs termination or restoration of utility service when consumers are financially unable to pay utility bills from Nov. 1 to March 31 annually.

Caney Valley Electric has adopted this cold weather disconnection rule with certain modifications to accommodate our consumers.

Cooperative members who are unable to pay their electric service bills during the cold weather period may qualify for this program, **provided they fulfill certain good faith requirements** when attempting to pay, as summarized below:

- **MEMBERS MUST NOTIFY** the cooperative and state their inability to pay their service bill in full.
- **MEMBERS MUST APPLY** to federal, state, local or other financial assistance programs for which they may be eligible to receive aid in paying utility bills. Your cooperative can inform you of agencies or organizations which may provide financial assistance.
- **MEMBERS MUST MAKE AN INITIAL MINIMUM PAYMENT** equal to 1/3 of the total amount due the cooperative which includes any arrearage. (Example: If a customer owed an arrearage of \$200 and a current bill

of \$40, they would owe the cooperative a total of \$240. The initial payment under the cold weather rule would be equal to \$240 divided by 3, or \$80.) All previous arrearage average payment plans must be paid off before entering into another plan.

- **MEMBERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER A LEVEL PAYMENT PLAN** agreement for past, current and future charges for electric service, with arrears paid in equal installments over the next two months. A consumer and the cooperative may negotiate other payment arrangements mutually agreeable, individualized to the consumer's situation, providing the most appropriate terms, after the consumer has been informed that he or she has at least two months in which to pay under the cold weather plan.
- **MEMBERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION** to enable the cooperative to determine an appropriate payment agreement.

Please note that consumers may be ineligible for the benefits under the cold weather disconnection rule if they fail to follow the above requirements, illegally divert utility service, receive service by tampering as defined by KCC rules or default on a payment agreement.

In no event will the cooperative disconnect service if the temperature is forecast to fall below 30 degrees F. within 24 hours following the time of disconnection.

Please be advised that once an agreement has been made and those terms are defaulted on, the agreement becomes null and void and the member's electric service will be subject to immediate disconnection.

It is the belief of some that once the cold weather rule is in effect, electric bills can be ignored and the cooperative will not disconnect service; this is not true. The cooperative can and will disconnect for non-payment if the above criteria are not met.

The cold weather rule is to ensure that human health and safety are not unreasonably endangered during the cold weather months.

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	Aug. 2022	Aug. 2021
Meters Billed	5,252	5,254
kWh Purchased	6,888,123	6,684,995
Cost Per kWh	0.09251	0.08795
kWh Sold	6,851,641	5,893,571
Total Revenue	\$ 1,180,576	\$ 1,052,495
Purchased Power	\$ 638,723	\$ 589,359
Operating Expenses	\$ 286,957	\$ 278,762
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 71,485	\$ 70,358
Interest Expenses	\$ 43,887	\$ 38,353
Other Expenses	\$ 1,613	\$ 1,613
Operating Margins	\$ 137,911	\$ 74,049
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 3,904	\$ 394,986
Total Working Margins	\$ 141,815	\$ 469,036
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ (136,692)	\$ 519,940

Outages for SEPT. 2022

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
9/1	Sedan Loop Feed	350	30 min	Bad transformer
9/12	NW of Howard	23	2 hr 25 min	Reset OCR

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