



THE CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC CO-OP, INC.

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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 February is \$0.00256/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional \$2.56 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

Annual Meeting Planned for March 20

Make plans to attend the cooperative's annual meeting on Thursday, March 20, at the Cedar Vale school gymnasium. Cooperative members and their families can enjoy a light supper served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided during the supper and member registration process.

Registration favors, including an electric bill discount certificate, will be given away along with chances to win one of many prizes.

The meeting will include business reports about your cooperative's operations and financial condition.

A very important part of the meeting is the election of three trustees for the board. The board positions to be filled and the current members in these positions are as follows and all are eligible to be re-elected:

► **DISTRICT 1, POSITION 1**

TREY CLAPP, Cedar Vale

► **DISTRICT 2, POSITION 1**

STEPHANIE OLLENBORGER, Grenola

► **DISTRICT 3, POSITION 1**

STEVE CLARK, Havana

A board-appointed nominating committee will meet to nominate candidates for the new three-year positions. Also, any 15 or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than 20 days prior to the meeting, and the secretary shall post the same at the cooperative's office where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The candidates will be considered for election at the meeting along with any members nominated from the floor at the meeting.

The nominees for board trustee are to be commended for offering their time and commitment to the governance of the cooperative's operations.

Mark your calendar today; and we hope to see you at the meeting!

ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY, MANAGER

BOARD POSITION 1 TO BE FILLED IN EACH DISTRICT, AND THE CURRENT MEMBERS SERVING ARE:



TREY CLAPP
Cedar Vale
District 1



STEPHANIE OLLENBORGER
Grenola
District 2



STEVE CLARK
Havana
District 3

EFFECTIVE WAYS To Lower Home Energy Use

Outside factors, such as fuel, equipment costs and extreme weather, can impact electricity prices. But you have the power to control home energy consumption by taking proactive steps to reduce energy use.

THERMOSTAT MANAGEMENT



The thermostat is one of the best places to lower your energy use because heating and cooling account for a significant portion of home energy consumption. During winter months, adjust your thermostat to the lowest comfortable setting to reduce energy use. The Department of Energy recommends 68 degrees or lower.

UTILIZE OFF-PEAK ENERGY TIMES



Plan energy-intensive chores and tasks, such as running the dishwasher or washing clothing, during off-peak energy hours when the demand for electricity is lower. Off-peak times are early in the morning or late evenings. By scheduling these activities during off-peak periods, you can help keep rates lower, reduce demand and relieve pressure on the grid.

SEAL YOUR HOME



According to Energy Star, about 20% of heated or cooled air that moves through a home is lost due to lack of proper insulation and air leaks. Ensure your home has sufficient insulation levels and seal air leaks around windows and doors with caulk and weatherstripping.

MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT



The health of your heating and cooling system is essential for comfort and can greatly impact energy bills. Maintain your system by regularly replacing dirty filters and scheduling annual inspections for maintenance and necessary repairs.

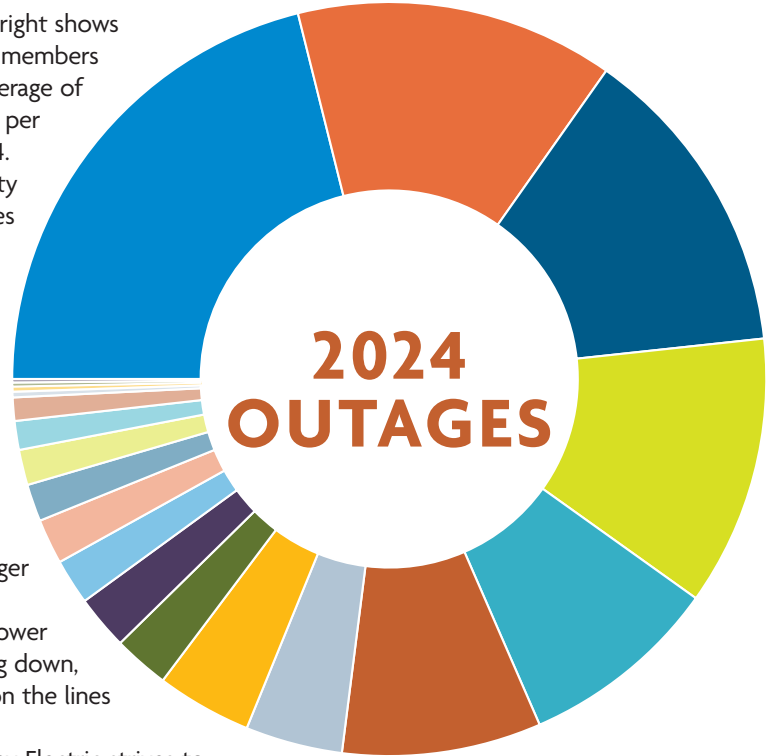
2024 Annual Outages

The graph at right shows Caney Valley members totaled an average of 5.12 hours off per meter in 2024.

The majority of the outages were due to some major wind and hail storms that caused broken poles in the spring and again in September. The other larger outages were due to our power supplier being down, trees falling on the lines and lightning.

Caney Valley Electric strives to provide reliable, continuous electric service to all of our consumer members, and we have an excellent and improving record. However, we cannot guarantee continuity of service 100% of the time, and some outages must be expected.

We intend to keep doing our best to prevent and reduce service interruptions to our members.



OUTAGE CAUSE	AVERAGE HOURS OFF	OUTAGE CAUSE	AVERAGE HOURS OFF
Storm/Major Outage Event	1.08	OCR (Line Breaker Reset)	0.10
Trees	0.70	Animals	0.10
Scheduled	0.69	Accident	0.08
Power Supply	0.59	Sectionalizing Line Fuse	0.08
Broken Jmpr/Hotline Clmp	0.44	Lightning Arresters	0.06
Lightning	0.44	Poles/Fell or blew over	0.05
Transm 69KV	0.21	Pole Insul/Deadend Bells	0.01
Pri Conductor	0.21	Transformer, Failure	0.01
Other	0.12	Fuse Failures	0.01
Transformer,Fuse	0.12	On Consumer's Side	0.01



Space Heaters Cause Half of Winter Fires

As temperatures start to drop, many people turn to space heaters to add some extra warmth to their house. While space heaters are effective, they can be dangerous if proper safety measures are not taken.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), heating equipment is the leading cause of fires in homes, and nearly half of all home heating fires occur in December, January or February. Here are some safety tips to keep in mind:

- ▶ Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. **DO NOT** use an extension cord or power strip, and **DO NOT** plug any other electrical devices into the same outlet as the heater.
- ▶ Place space heaters on a flat, level surface. Never place heaters on cabinets, tables or furniture. Never leave a space heater unattended.
- ▶ Inspect heaters for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections.

Wrapped in Savings

Ensuring your home is properly insulated can improve energy efficiency and make your home more comfortable. Insulation acts like a cozy coat that reduces heat loss during winter months and a protective layer that reduces heat gain during summer months.

Many older homes have less insulation than newer homes, but even newer homes can benefit from additional insulation. While it's not the least expensive efficiency improvement, adding insulation and air sealing your home can provide the biggest bang for your buck in energy savings and overall comfort.

The most common areas to insulate are attics, ceilings, crawlspaces or unconditioned basements, exterior and interior walls, floors, and ductwork located in unconditioned spaces.

The amount and effectiveness rating of insulation required for each area varies by climate, but many websites like The Department of Energy or Home Depot provide easy-to-follow recommendations. Visit www.energy.gov/insulation to learn about recommended R-values for specific areas of the home based on climate zones.

It's important to understand how insulation effectiveness is measured. Insulation is rated in R-value, which measures the material's resistance to conductive heat flow. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating effectiveness. The R-value you'll need depends on factors like climate, type of heating and cooling system and which area of the home you plan to insulate.

Insulation is offered in a wide range of materials from bulky fiberglass rolls to cellulose materials made from recycled paper products. If you're considering installing additional insulation, talk to an expert who can offer guidance on the right materials for your budget, climate and comfort needs.

Investing in proper insulation for your home not only enhances comfort but also reduces energy consumption.



A properly insulated home can reduce heat loss during the winter and reduce heat gain during the summer.



Employee Spotlight

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

TOM EVERETT was hired in April 2010 as an apprentice groundman, and was promoted to safety officer in February 2019. He said that he works with some of the best people around. Plus, the conversations in the breakroom every morning before work are never dull.

He enjoys spending time with his wife and girls.

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ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Caney Valley Electric Cooperative has scholarships available for high school seniors going on to college or a vocational-technical school.

Application deadline for August enrollment is **FEB. 20, 2025**.

Please contact Caney Valley Electric or your high school counselor for further information. Applications are also available at www.caneyvalley.com.

AWARD RECIPIENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 20, 2025.

OUTAGES FOR DECEMBER 2024

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
12/13/2024	West of Sedan	40	40mins	Reset OCR

NOVEMBER OPERATING STATISTICS

For Month Ending	Nov. 2023	Nov. 2024	For Month Ending	Nov. 2023	Nov. 2024	For Month Ending	Nov. 2023	Nov. 2024
Meters Billed	5,219	5,185	Total Revenue	\$ 722,559	\$ 718,429	Other Expenses	\$ 929	\$ 1,000
kWh Purchased	4,665,519	4,371,587	Purchased Power	\$ 310,407	\$ 332,459	Operating Margins	\$ 41,803	\$ (28,383)
Cost Per kWh Purchased	0.06624	0.07560	Operating Expenses	\$ 252,367	\$ 294,654	Non-operating Margins	\$ 6,787	\$ 2,903
kWh Sold	4,179,336	4,161,248	Depreciation Expenses	\$ 74,208	\$ 77,194	Total Working Margins	\$ 48,590	\$ (25,480)
			Interest Expenses	\$ 42,845	\$ 41,505	Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 310,893	\$ 82,086