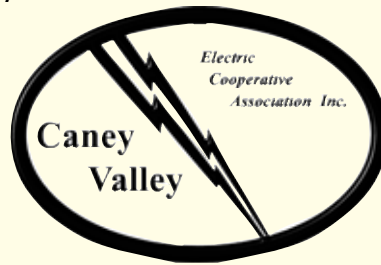




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Operation Statistics		
For Month Ending	February 2006	February 2007
Customers Billed (avg)	5,253	5,352
Kilowatt Hours Sold	4,130,890	4,875,861
Total Revenue	\$ 484,923	\$ 551,257
Purchased Power	\$ 255,994	\$ 256,184
Operating Expenses	\$ 130,280	\$ 127,222
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 41,761	\$ 46,498
Interest Expenses	\$ 39,845	\$ 35,097
Other Expenses	\$ 608	\$ 560
Operating Margins	\$ 16,435	\$ 85,694
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 7,145	\$ 5,638
Total Margins	\$ 23,580	\$ 91,332
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 177,169	\$ 137,104

Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for May is \$.01080/kwh. This calculates to an additional \$10.80 per 1,000 kilowatt hours used.

Congratulations Graduates!

Caney Valley Electric would like to congratulate all of the high school and college graduates in our service area.



Good luck in all of your future endeavors!

From the Manager's Desk...

This month's *Kansas Country Living* will arrive soon after our Annual Meeting on May 1. We hope many of you were able to attend and cast your vote for your district's representative on the Caney Valley ECA's Board of Trustees.

Many of your neighbors and friends have faithfully served on the Board. Turnover on the Board is assured as the bylaws provide that a Board member can serve a limit of three consecutive three-year terms, or nine consecutive years. Then the Trustee must sit out at least one three-year term before being eligible to be re-elected to the Board.

Being eligible to serve again is an important feature of the bylaws, as it affords cooperative members with Board experience to be able to run for election again. On the other hand, the three-term limit assures the election of new Board members who can bring new talents and expertise to the cooperative's govern-

ing body.

Persons who are bona fide members in good standing are eligible to run for election to the Board. The Board meets at least once a month, and Board members may be asked to attend other electric cooperative training and educational events as representatives of Caney Valley ECA.

Board members are compensated in the amount of \$75 per Board meeting, and \$150 per day for other meetings and events. They are reimbursed 43¢ per mile for use of their personal vehicle, and for actual hotel expenses.

Caney Valley ECA is fortunate to have nine dedicated members looking after the best interests of the membership. They are continuing the very fine traditions established by the previous Board members who worked hard to help Caney Valley ECA improve its operations and service to its members through the years.

Allen Zadorozny, Manager

In Observance of Memorial Day,



Our Office Will Be Closed



Monday, May 28th

Tree Trimming Is Essential For Reliable Power Delivery

Caney Valley's lines, poles and substation structures are engineered to withstand many forces of Mother Nature. However, they may not withstand the force of a fallen tree or large branch, which could lead to a disruption of service.

Trees touching power lines actually drain electricity off the electrical system, and in severe cases can cause Caney Valley's line-protection devices to take a circuit out of service.

Vegetation management – including tree trimming – is an important aspect of Caney Valley's goal of delivering power to you that is safe, reliable, environmentally responsible and affordable.

Here are some questions and answers about tree trimming.

Can I trim my own tree?

Yes, but only if you can maintain a safe distance of at least 10 feet from power lines and other electrical equipment. There is a serious risk for any tree trimmer working close to a high-voltage power line. If you have a tree that is too close to power lines for you to safely prune, call Caney Valley.

How will my trees be pruned?

Caney Valley will prune a

tree only when the tree poses the safety and reliability risks of coming into contact with power lines. We carefully follows pruning guidelines according to recognized industry standards.

My trees aren't touching the power lines, so why do you have to trim them?

Caney Valley needs to take care of trees that could pose safety or reliability issues before someone is injured or experiences a power outage. This applies to trees with branches that could come into contact with power lines during heavy winds, as well as trees with branches that could bounce into power lines on windy days, causing blinking lights or momentary outages.

Why do you have to cut away so much of the tree?

Tree-trimming crews are very diligent in trimming only what is absolutely necessary. Trimmers also follow guidelines established by certified arborists and the federal Rural Utilities Service.

The crews also identify expected growth patterns of trees between one pruning and the next pruning cycle; some faster-growing trees may require more

clearance than others.

According to Kansas law, can you trim my trees if I don't give you permission?

Caney Valley is concerned only with trimming trees that might impact service reliability or the safety of electric cooperative employees, members and the public. If trees extend into the road right-of-way, Caney Valley is allowed to prune them. If the trees are on private property, Caney Valley can trim them if they are within the utility easement signed by the landowner when the power line was built. If a power line is located on private property and no easement exists, Caney Valley will seek permission from the landowner.

Where should I plant trees and shrubs?

When full-grown, trees and shrubs must be at least 10 feet away from power lines and other utility equipment such as transformers. The final report of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission investigating last year's massive blackout in the Northeast and upper Midwest concluded that faulty vegetation management was largely to blame for the outages.

Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Outages for March 2007

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. The following is a summary of the larger outages and their causes that occurred in February:

Date	Area	Consumers Affected	Duration	Cause
3/6	Burden/Cambridge area	60	1 hr 15 min	Reset line OCR
3/7	North of Howard	50	1 hr 30 min	Tree crew knocked line down
3/20	West of Peru	30	1 hr	Reset line OCR
3/29	North of Cedar Vale	30	45 min	Reset line OCR
3/30	Southwest of Dexter	60	1 hr 15 min	Fire
3/30	Chautauqua	15	30 min	Squirrel on line