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Power Cost Adjustment

The PCA for June is \$.01300/kilowatt-hour. This calculates to an additional \$13 per 1,000 kWh used.

PCA varies each month depending on wholesale charges from Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo), our power supplier, and is a flow-through on your electric bills based on the factor for the month.

FROM THE MANAGER

Weather and climate are imposing factors constantly affecting electric utility companies, regardless of size. Line equipment and materials are designed for function and have acceptable useful lives in light of the many weather conditions. Unfortunately, even the best engineered and constructed electric lines and facilities can be damaged by the extreme weather effects of heat, cold and storms.

Climate in extra hot, cold, dry or wet geographic regions calls for particular types of equipment, materials and electric line construction relative to the environment.

Weather and climate affect the amount of electricity consumed for residential and commercial use. When abnormally cool summers and warm winters are experienced, the consumers' electric bills are lower, causing the electric utility's revenue to be lower. The utility's rates are "weather normalized" so extreme weather skews expected revenues, down or up.

Another factor that has come in to the picture is called "climate change." In an attempt to control, or limit, the "bad things" causing climate change, governmental institutions have been, are, and will be, introducing related laws and regulations. These actions are causing circumstances that will lead to much higher electric bills for everyone. How much higher and how soon will depend upon the degree and speed that generating electricity with coal will be taxed, penalized, or reduced.

It is important to everyone, and especially to the average and limited income members of our country, that a slow, less expensive, and well-thought-out plan be used to transition generating from coal to other sources.

Allen A. Zadorozny, Manager



Allen Zadorozny

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Tell us what you think: *Kansas Country Living* gets a new look

This issue of *Kansas Country Living* introduces our brand new look. We've redesigned everything, including our cooperative pages (20-A to 20-D). Our goal is to create a new, fresh appearance that will make the contents more up-to-date and inviting for our readers.

Please let us know what you think by calling 620-758-2262 or e-mail cve@caneyvalley.com.



Jefery Beckley



Kariann Jordan



Bailey LeGrand



Shilo Malone



Kaylee Jo Perkins



Josh Stone



Kristen Roberts

Congratulations scholarship recipients

Scholarship recipients for the 2009-2010 school year were announced at Caney Valley's annual meeting May 5.

The following seven students will each receive \$600 (\$300 per semester): Jefery Beckley, Sedan High School; Kariann Jordan, Dexter High School; Bailey LeGrand, Sedan High School; Shilo Malone, West Elk High School; Kaylee Jo Perkins, West Elk High School; Kirsten Roberts, Sedan High School; and Josh Stone, Cedar Vale High School.

Play up outdoor electrical safety to children

Warm, sunny days beckon the child in all of us to head outside and play. Caney Valley Electric recommends that families review and stress to children to follow simple electrical safety rules for safe outdoor play.

Caney Valley Electric recommends that children be taught to follow these rules:

- Never climb trees near power lines. Even if the power lines are not touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to the branch.
- Fly kites and model airplanes in large open areas like a park or a field, safely away from trees and overhead power lines. If a kite gets stuck in a tree that's near power lines, don't climb up to get it. Contact Caney Valley Electric for assistance.
- Never climb a utility pole or tower.
- Don't play on or around electrical equipment.
- Never go into an electric substation for any reason. Electric substations contain high-voltage equipment, which can be deadly. Never rescue a pet or retrieve a ball or toy that goes inside. Call Caney Valley Electric instead.

When designing an outdoor play area for your children, do not install playground



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equipment or swimming pools underneath or near power lines. Protect all family members from serious shock and injuries by installing and using outdoor outlets with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI). Use portable GFCIs for outdoor outlets that don't have them. Be careful using electrical appliances outdoors, even if plugged into GFCI-equipped outlets.

Make sure all of your family members know to stay away from downed power lines and wires, and tell children to report to an adult any fallen or dangling wires.

Operating Statistics		
For Month Ending	March 2008	March 2009
Customers Billed	5,426	5,504
Kilowatt Hours Sold	4,726,476	4,289,308
Total Revenue	\$ 563,628	\$ 512,954
Purchased Power	\$ 279,585	\$ 293,414
Operating Expenses	\$ 150,714	\$ 123,610
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 49,065	\$ 43,975
Interest Expenses	\$ 32,562	\$ 33,119
Other Expenses	\$ 200	\$ 100
Operating Margins	\$ 51,502	\$ 18,736
Non-operating Margins	\$ 2,262	\$ 1,958
Total Margins	\$ 53,764	\$ 20,694
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 202,060	\$ 185,848

2009 Caney Valley annual meeting highlights



The Sedan High School choir entertained members during the annual meeting.

Despite rainy, soggy weather, close to 500 members and guests turned out for the 61st annual meeting of the Caney Valley Electric held at the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds in Sedan, on May 5.

Special guests present included Shana Holsteen, Director of Communications with Kansas Electric Cooperatives (KEC), Topeka; Steve Parr, Executive Vice-President and CEO, Kansas Electric



Dale Clubine, Board President, discusses co-op issues with members.

Power Cooperative (KEPCo), Topeka; and Mark Doljac, Director of Rates and Regulations, also with KEPCo.

Entertainment was provided by the Sedan High School Choir under the direc-

tion of Rosie Sweaney.

Fred McAdam, Dwane Kessinger and Mack Chrisman were re-elected to the Board of Trustees where they will each serve for another three-year term.

Scholarship winners for the 2009-2010 school year were announced. Each student will receive \$600 (\$300 per semester) for their first year of college. Scholarship recipients were Josh Stone, Kariann Jordan, Bailey LeGrand, Kirsten Roberts, Jefery Beckley, Shilo Malone and Kaylee Jo Perkins.

The winners of the trip to Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp held in Steamboat Springs in July were: Erin Champlin, Cale Ellis and Ben Bellar.

Congratulations to Melvin "Buck" Melton of Cedar Vale, the grand prize winner of a 32" HDTV flat screen television.

There were numerous other prizes and bill credits presented to members present. A special thanks goes to the following for providing prizes and/or bill credits: KEPCo, MidWest Electric Transformers and Stuart Irby Company.

Thank you for participating in *your* annual meeting.



Manager Allen Zadorozny addresses the membership.



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Energy commandment no. 2:

“Thou shalt invest”

BY DOUG RYE

There are a lot of things happening in our country today that I do not understand. I don't understand how wealthy corporations now have to have billions of dollars from the taxpayers to stay afloat. And I could mention many other things I simply don't understand.

It is better that I stay with the things I do understand. I know that making energy improvements is the best investment in the country today. I know that



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it is the only thing in your house that will save you money month after month and will have a payback. I also know that your home will be more comfortable as a result of these improvements.

Last week Mr. Tom Hunt, who is my co-host on the *Home Remedies* radio show, said he is saving \$50 per week on the cost of gasoline compared to a few months ago. He said that added up to \$200 per

month. “What if we took that \$200 per month and made energy improvements to our house?” he said. I responded: “Tom, you are a genius.”

Well, folks both Tom and I don't need these commandments because we built our houses to be super efficient from the beginning. So, please remember that these columns are for you and we, like your electric co-op, want to help you.

Energy Commandment No. 2: “Thou Shalt Invest.” Whether it is \$5 per month or \$200 per month, start setting some money aside for energy improvements. It is perfectly all right to do the least costly items first. For \$20, you can buy and install several compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). For \$40, you might buy all the caulk you need to seal up air leaks.

Now open your mind and think of this. For an investment of less than \$100 and a few hours of elbow grease, you might well reduce your average monthly utility bill by \$10, \$20, \$30 or more a month. Where else could you invest \$100, get your money back in three to 10 months and continue to get that savings?

So start putting that money aside now, continue reading this column and you will be a genius of energy efficiency, just like Tom.

Doug Rye, is a licensed architect and the popular host of the “Home Remedies” radio show. You can contact Doug at 1-888-Doug-Rye. Source: Arkansas Electric Cooperatives Corporation.

Outages for April 2009

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Listed below are the larger outages that occurred during April.

Date	Area	Consumers Affected	Duration	Cause
4/8	NE of Sedan	40	1 hr 45 min	Lightning
4/11	Grenola, Moline, Howard	476	5 hr 45 min	Westar transmission line
4/11	Longton, Elk Falls	372	2 hr 30 min	Westar transmission line
4/11	Sedan	1,563	5 hr 30 min	Westar transmission line
4/11	Maple City, south of Dexter	151	11 hr 15 min	Westar transmission line
4/11	Cedar Vale, Hewins	791	11 hr 15 min	Westar transmission line
4/18	Dexter area	40	1 hr 30 min	Westar had phase off
4/25	Howard area	50	2 hr 30 min	Phase off in substation
4/26	Howard area	50	15 min	Broken jumper
4/26	Dexter area	30	45 min	Lightning