



Caney Valley Voice

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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for July is \$.01907/kwh. This calculates to an additional \$19.07 per 1,000 kWh used.

Holiday Office Closing

In observance of Independence Day, the Caney Valley Electric office will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2008. Have a Safe Holiday!

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From the Manager...

Two important matters are presented for your consideration in this issue.

First, it is the time of year in which we request that you be mindful of your use of air conditioners, electric dryers, washing machines, dish washers, ranges, and any other large electricity-consuming equipment.

If we all would remember to limit our electricity demands between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on week days during July and August, it will save on the power cost adjustment charges that result throughout the following fall, winter and spring.

Second, there is a general notice about the proposed changes and additions to the various service fees administered by the cooperative. The notice is to inform you about the Board of Trustees meeting on July 8, 2008, which members may attend to comment and present their views. The current service fees have been in effect since 1995.

Please take time to review the related presentations on these two topics included in this month's *Voice*, and feel free to contact me for further information.

Allen A. Zadorozny, Manager

Womacks Receives Caney Valley Scholarship

Micah T. Womacks of Atlanta was one of the recipients of a Caney Valley Electric scholarship for the 2008-2009 school year.

He recently graduated from Flint Hills High



Micah Womacks

School, and plans to attend Central Christian College of Kansas located in McPherson.

He will receive \$300 each semester of his first year in college.

Congratulations, Micah!

Caney Valley Electric Cooperative to Consider Fee Changes

The Board of Trustees of The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative will consider changing some of the fees associated with doing business.

Action on the proposed fee changes will take place at the July board meeting to be held Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at the cooperative's headquarters in Cedar Vale. Any members wishing to comment on the proposed changes are invited to attend the meeting.

The fee increases which are being considered are shown in the chart to the right.

Description	Current	Proposed
Membership fee for each service connection	\$5	\$5
Security Deposit (Rules and Regulations, Section 3, provisions apply)	\$195	\$195
Meter Reading Fee	\$25	\$30
Returned Check Charge (a charge not exceeding the maximum provided by K.S.A. 21-3707)	\$25	\$30
Collection Trip Charge	\$25	\$30
Disconnection Trip Charge (for services disconnected for non-payment)	\$25	\$30
Meter Re-connection Charge (for services disconnected for non-payment or reconnected within one year's time for same consumer)		
During regular office hours	\$25	\$30
After regular business hours (This will be changed to: After hours re-connection will not be done unless the manager approves it.)	\$125	Actual Costs
Meter Test Fee	\$25	\$35
Trip charges for outages or trouble on the consumer's side of the meter (minimum or actual costs)	\$50	\$60
Temporary Service Fee	\$25	\$30
New Fees		
Convenience Fee for use of credit/debit cards	\$5 per meter	
Credit Card Charge-Back Fee	\$15 per transaction	

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	April 2007	April 2008
Customers Billed	5,370	5,432
Kilowatt Hours Sold	3,693,055	4,230,972
Total Revenue	\$435,299	\$506,723
Purchased Power	\$248,877	\$275,082
Operating Expenses	\$111,303	\$163,658
Depreciation Expenses	\$46,424	\$49,111
Interest Expenses	\$37,641	\$33,545
Other Expenses	\$200	\$225
Operating Margins	\$(9,146)	\$(14,898)
Non-operating Margins	\$3,972	\$2,060
Total Margins	\$(5,174)	\$(12,838)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$156,604	\$189,222

Estimating Appliance & Home Electronic Energy Use

If you're trying to decide whether to invest in a more energy-efficient appliance or you'd like to determine your current electricity loads, you may want to estimate appliance energy consumption.

You can use this formula to estimate an appliance's energy use: $Wattage \times Hours\ used\ per\ day \times Days\ used\ per\ year \div 1000 = Kilowatt-hour\ (kWh)\ consumption\ per\ year.$

Then, calculate the annual cost to run an appliance by multiplying the kWh per year by your local utility's rate per kWh consumed. $394\ kWh \times \$0.104\ (current\ national\ average) = \$40.98\ per\ year.$

You can usually find the wattage of most appliances stamped on the bottom or back of the appliance or on its nameplate. The

wattage listed is the maximum power drawn by the appliance. Since some appliances have a range of settings (hairdryers), the actual amount of power consumed depends on the setting used at any one time.

Here are some examples of the range of nameplate wattages for various household appliances:

- Clothes washer = 350 to 500 Watts
- Clothes dryer = 1800 to 5000 Watts
- Dishwasher = 1200 to 2400 Watts (heat drying feature increases energy use)
- Hair dryer = 1200 to 1875 Watts
- Microwave oven = 750 to 1100 Watts
- Refrigerator (frost-free, 16 cubic feet) = 725 Watts