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Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for December is \$.01958/kilowatt-hour. This calculates to an additional \$19.58 per 1,000 kWhs used.

The PCA varies each month depending on the wholesale charges from KEPCo, and is a flow-through on your electric bills based on the factor for the month.

FROM THE MANAGER

Your Voice can be Heard at the Cooperative

As we approach the end of 2009, we find that the overall cost of electricity per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for our members has remained nearly the same as last year.

The average per kWh last year was 12.74¢. Through September this year, the average per kWh was 12.45¢.

The main reasons for the slight reduction are the lower wholesale electricity purchased power costs and the increase in the kWh sales which provide more units over which to spread the fixed charges.

The cooperative's board and staff of employees continue to work toward controlling operating costs in order to keep the electric rates as

reasonable and stable as possible.

Looking forward, recognizing that there are ongoing challenges facing your cooperative and the electric utility industry as a whole, we are sincerely interested in providing you the best service that we can. Open communications between you and the cooperative staff are essential as we work together. Please contact us any time to discuss suggestions, problems or questions you may have.

On behalf of our board, employee staff, and myself, we wish you the very best this holiday season.

Allen A. Zadorozny, Manager



Allen Zadorozny

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Notice to all the Great Cooks in our Service Area

As room allows, we would like to feature recipes from some of our members in this centerspread.

If you have a favorite original recipe or two you would like to share, please submit it neatly printed or typed with your name, address and phone number included. If you have a story



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behind the recipe and a current photo of yourself, feel free to include that also.

We'd love to hear from you, so please submit your recipes to: **Caney Valley Electric, P.O. Box 308, Cedar Vale, KS 67024** or e-mail cve@caneyvalley.com.

Caney Valley's Office will be Closed for the Holidays

Our office will be closed on December 25 and January 1 for the holidays.

If you have trouble or an outage, please call us at 620-758-2262 or 800-310-8911, and a crew will be dispatched to help you.

The Board of Trustees, management and employees would like to wish all of our members a safe and happy holiday season!



Mailing NOT from Caney Valley

Many area residents have recently received envelopes addressed to "Rural Cooperative Members."

The envelopes contain a questionnaire concerning hospitalization insurance.

Please be advised that this mailing is in no way connected to or endorsed by Caney Valley ECA.

Let us Know if You Need Services at a Disconnected Site

Is there any chance that you may need that old service site or spans of electric line not serving anything at this time? If so, please let us know.

Contact our office to make arrangements and pay an idle service fee to keep disconnected electric service facilities from being removed. It would be most efficient for us all to avoid removing facilities that will be used in the near future.

As time allows, we remove old, vacated electric services and electric lines to reduce the cooperative's liability exposure and taxes. Unfortunately, there have been several instances through the years which have caused difficult situations when the old facilities were removed; and then someone comes forward saying that they had a need for those lines.

Let us know if this message affects you or might affect any of your acquaintances. We certainly want to work with you as we continue our idle service retirement program.

Local Fifth Grade Promote Electrical Safety

In recognition of National Cooperative Month each October, Caney Valley Electric held a poster drawing contest for all area fifth graders.

Students were asked to submit an original drawing depicting any area of electrical safety. One winner was selected from the four schools that submitted posters, and each winner

received a \$25 prize.

Winning posters were published in our November issue, but we had so many good posters that we will include some each month as room allows.

A big thank you to all the students that participated in this contest.



Austin Reid, Elk Valley Elementary

Practice Electrical Safety this Holiday Season

Caney Valley Electric reminds you to keep electrical safety in mind when decorating for the holiday season:

- ▶ Before decorating, read and follow the manufacturers' instructions concerning installation and maintenance of all decorative electrical products.
- ▶ Use lights and other electrical decorations certified by a recognized indepen-

dent testing laboratory such as CSA, UL, or ETL.

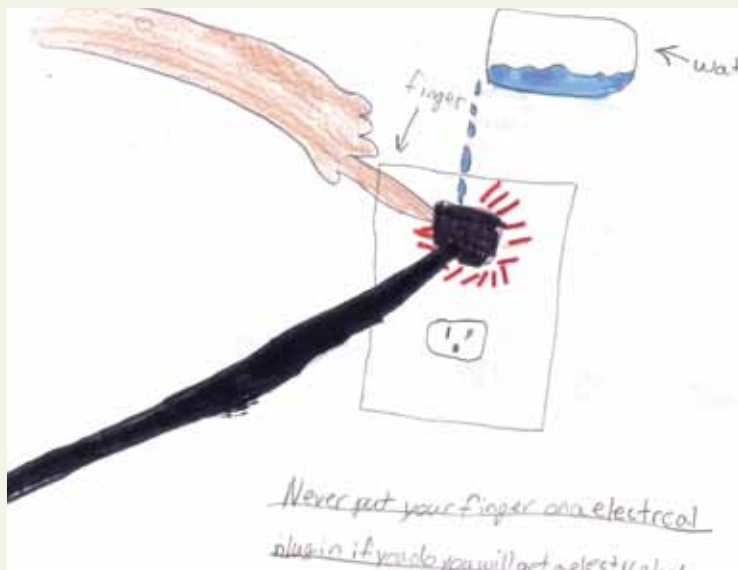
- ▶ Outdoors, use lights and other electrical decorations certified for outdoor use.
- ▶ Carefully inspect each decoration before plugging into an outlet. Cracked, frayed, loose or bare wires, as well as loose connections may cause electrical shock or start a fire. Replace damaged items.

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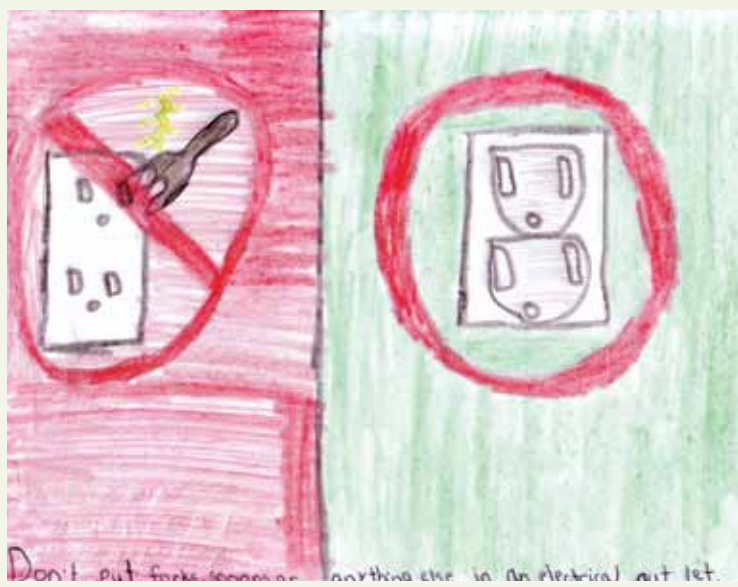


Robyn Bennett, Moline Elementary

Congratulations to all of our winners this year!



Andru Pond, Sedan Elementary



Mirriah Wallingford, Central Burden Elementary

- ▶ Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing light bulbs or fuses.
- ▶ Do not mount or support light strings that might damage the cord's insulation.
- ▶ Never nail or staple light strings or extension cords.
- ▶ Do not connect more than three light string sets together.
- ▶ Light strings with screw-in bulbs should have no more than 50 bulbs

connected together.

- ▶ Do not overload extension cords – they can overheat and start a fire. Keep all outdoor extension cords and light strings clear of snow and standing water.
- ▶ Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights.
- ▶ Do not allow children or pets to play with electrical decorations.

Even small light decorations can produce a fatal shock if they are misused.

- ▶ Turn off all electrical decorations before leaving home or going to bed.
- ▶ Plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). Portable GFCIs can be purchased wherever electrical supplies are sold.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS

Energy Commandment No. 5

Thou Shalt Use the “Better Way”

BY DOUG RYE

A few mornings ago my wife said to me, “This would be a perfect morning to go to the farmers market. It is cloudy, about 70 degrees and no wind. Even if we don’t buy anything, it would be a nice morning together.” (Men, no comment about spending).

Well, I agreed and proceeded to get dressed for the market. There were about 20 vendors at the market and I like to talk to all of them. I want to know if they actually grew or made the products that they were selling.

The first person I met was a lady who had small bouquets of wildflowers. I told her that I would buy my wife flowers if she didn’t act up or spend any money. We proceeded around the square and purchased fresh blackberries, tomatoes, peaches, greens, grapes and two bluebird houses. We ended up at the flower lady’s table. She smiled and said, “You are back.” I said, “My name is Doug Rye. Have you ever heard of Doug Rye?”

“Yes, you are the man that writes in the Rural Arkansas magazine. What do you think of solar?” she asked.

I looked straight up toward the sky and turned 360 degrees, not saying a word. Several seconds passed as I continued to look at the sky. Finally, she said “It wouldn’t work very well today, would it?”

I responded that it would not. She asked, “How about wind?”

Yep, you guessed it, I looked toward the sky and the trees, turned 360 degrees and she started laughing as she said, “It wouldn’t work very well today, would it?”

I encouraged her to read the November issue of *Kansas Country Living* to learn the “Better Way.”

Why do so many ask about solar and wind? It is because they care about the world, our nation and their own houses. That is just like me and most of you folks. Part of that concern is about the carbon “footprint” created as a result of energy

generation. I don’t know of any person who objects to reducing the footprint. On most days, however, generating electricity at your house with solar doesn’t even reduce a “toe-print.”

In my opinion, sealing the duct work and adding attic insulation would reduce more “toe-prints” than solar. Now, caulk and install a geothermal heat pump and you might reduce the print by five toes and a half foot. You simply get better results for less money, even when the sun is not shining and the wind isn’t blowing.

Folks, I care as much about this country and the environment as anyone else. It is none of my business what you do, I just want you to know the “Better Way.”

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

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	Sept. 2008	Sept. 2009
Members Billed	5,459	5,509
kWh Sold	5,342,026	5,210,375
Total Revenue	\$ 752,913	\$ 689,491
Purchased Power	\$ 302,127	\$ 309,055
Operating Expenses	\$ 188,302	\$ 204,495
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 53,426	\$ 43,304
Interest Expenses	\$ 25,061	\$ 34,222
Other Expenses	\$ 50	\$ 1,365
Operating Margins	\$ 183,947	\$ 97,050
Non-operating Margins	\$ (331)	\$ 1,981
Total Margins	\$ 183,616	\$ 99,031
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 107,331	\$ 234,059

Outages for October 2009

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
10/5	Sedan area	400	28 min	Tree in line
10/6	South of Sedan	100	1 hr	Bad bell
10/7	East of Chautauqua	45	40 min	OCR open
10/8	Niotaze/Havana area	75	3 hr 30 min	Lightning
10/12	Dexter area	157	1 hr 30 min	Westar off
10/13	Grenola/Moline area	65	2 hr 30 min	Vine on line
10/16	Dexter area	157	4 hr 30 min	Westar off-bad insulator
10/23	Moline area	30	1 hr	Fault on line- reset OCR
10/29	Burden,Cambridge,Atlanta areas	285	10 min	Westar off