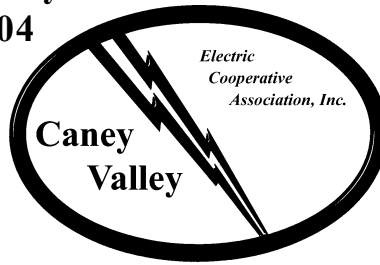




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From the Manager's Desk...

Beginning the new year is a good time to take a look at your cooperative's operational and financial status. Overall, the cooperative is functioning reasonably well. Of course, this opinion may vary depending upon who is discussing the issue.

Service reliability is improving in most instances. Personal, one-on-one contact with office and field employees is ongoing. Telephone calls are all answered by employees or after-hours contracted dispatchers. No automated phone answering is used.

Electric line system improvements have been intensified over the past two years due to ice storm restoration work. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Kansas Emergency Management office have been assisting the cooperative with grant funds to restore many important miles of damaged electric line which otherwise would take many more years to be done.

The number of electric meters being served is remaining fairly constant near the 5,200 range. No significant signs of that number moving downward have appeared.

Cash flow and financial statements have been satisfactory, enabling operations to continue without needing to access long-term loan funds.

The last long-term loan funds accessed were in the late 1980's. Long-term loan balances have been reduced from \$10,227,000 in 1986 to \$6,742,000 as of October, 2003.

Of concern is the cost of wholesale power. Increases in the cost of wholesale power directly add to Caney Valley ECA's costs and your electric bill. The increased costs are added to your bills in the form of a power cost adjustment (PCA) factor. This factor changes each month as Caney Valley ECA's wholesale power bill is received. During 2002, the average PCA was \$.00698, or \$6.98 per 1,000 kilowatt hours; in 2003 the average has been \$.00706, or \$7.06 per 1,000 kilowatt hours. We continue to work with our wholesale power supplier, KEPCo, to control the wholesale power costs as much as can be done.

Rest assured that your Caney Valley ECA Board of Trustees and employees are dedicated to providing you with courteous and informative customer service, and also, reliable electric power on which you can depend.

Best wishes for a happy and pleasant 2004, all year long!

Allen A. Zadorozny, Manager

Reducing Your Thermostat's Temperature Saves You Money

Setting your home's thermostat back a few degrees at night will definitely save you money in the long run, says Doug Walter, president of the Kansas Building Science Institute in Manhattan.

"A night setback of 10 degrees for eight hours will typically save from seven to 12 percent on annual heating costs," according to Walter.

To make the process easier, several manufacturers offer add-on devices that can turn your thermostat up and down automatically, according to instructions programmed into the controller.

"These devices fit many standard thermostats and require no additional wiring or interference with your thermostat's present wiring," Walter said. "The cost is

about half that of many replacement clock thermostats."

You can build your own automatic thermostat controller for less than \$10 using an appliance timer, an extension cord and a night-light.

The night-light is plugged into the extension cord and mounted about two inches below your thermostat. The extension cord is connected to the appliance timer, which is plugged into a nearby electrical outlet.

"The timer should be set to turn the night-light on whenever a temperature reduction is desired," Walter said. "The heat from the bulb warms the thermostat, resulting in a reduction of room temperature."



Keeping You Informed....

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. The following is a summary of larger outages and their causes that occurred in November, 2003:

Date	Area	Consumers Affected	Duration	Cause
11/05/03	Longton	30	40 min	Contractor had line off
11/11/03	W Dexter	30	3 hrs	Ravelin on primary
11/15/03	Sedan	500	1hr 15min	Line breaker burned up
11/17/03	E Sedan	16	1 hr	Lightning
11/25/03	E Sedan	18	45 min	Contractor dropped tree on line
11/29/03	N Longton	30	2hr 15min	Bulldozer kicked line off

OPERATING STATISTICS

For Month Ending:	October 2002	October 2003
Customers Served (avg)	5,188	5,151
kWh Sold	4,674,313	3,975,122
Revenue	\$574,849	\$525,454
Purchased Power	\$216,771	\$218,065
Operating Expenses	\$130,891	\$132,992
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 38,842	\$ 41,390
Interest Expenses	\$ 22,299	\$ 25,204
Other Expenses	\$ (240)	\$ 188
Operating Margins	\$166,286	\$107,685
Non-operating Margins	\$ 3,301	\$ 2,843
Total Margins	\$169,587	\$110,528
Margins Year-to-Date	\$479,686	\$476,429

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for January is \$.00840. This calculates to an additional \$8.40 per 1,000 kilowatt hours used.

Attention High School Juniors - WIN A FREE TRIP!

The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative is sponsoring an all-expense-paid trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, July 18-24, 2003.

This trip is part of a four-state "Energy Seminar" sponsored by rural electric cooperatives in Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Kansas. Contest winners will learn about electrification, cooperatives, energy problems and interpersonal communications.

The contest is open to all current high school juniors in Caney Valley's

service area, whose parents or guardians are members of Caney Valley Electric.

Contest entrants will be interviewed and required to take a brief, written test covering material that will be made available to each contestant. A short one-page essay on "How Electricity Affects My Life" will also be required.

If you are a high school junior and are interested in this trip, please complete the application form below and send by February 16, 2003 to:

Caney Valley Electric Cooperative

Attn: J.D. Sanders • PO Box 308 • Cedar Vale, KS 67024

CONTEST APPLICATION FOR YOUTH TOUR

Name of Applicant: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____

Name of parent or guardian: _____

Parents' phone number: _____ School: _____

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true.

(signature of applicant)

I hereby grant permission for _____ to enter the 2003 Caney Valley Electric Youth Tour competition.

By: _____
(signature of parent or guardian)