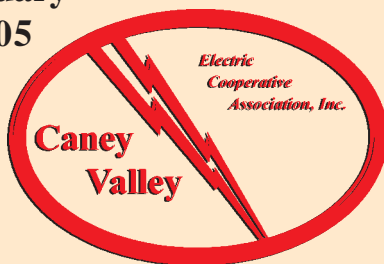


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Ice Storm Brings Outages to Service Area

Tuesday, January 4th, brought the beginning of a significant ice storm which covered about two-thirds of our service territory. The storm hit on the west and the southwest areas, and ran northeasterly towards Howard. It bypassed Cedar Vale and Sedan. Initially, the power remained on at the Cedar Vale headquarters, and this enabled us to begin organizing and administer the electricity restoration efforts in a reasonably systematic fashion.

We had line repair crews from Power Utility Services, Pryor, OK, Gordon Construction, Stigler, OK, and Radiant Electric Cooperative, Fredonia, come to give us much needed and very capable assistance. A crew from Finley Engineering, Lamar, MO, surveyed the damage and will help us lay out a planned restoration schedule to bring the lines back to acceptable industry

standards after the "first response" repairs.

Progress was made Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Saturday found us restoring power to almost all of the services most difficult to restore. However, after reaching that point about 1:00 p.m., almost all of our service territory began losing power. Westar's high-voltage transmission lines delivering electricity to us began experiencing melting ice falling. This caused their lines to slap together resulting in outages for almost all of our substations. Substation problems continued throughout the afternoon. During the early evening, power was restored for most consumers. However, there were some consumers still experiencing service problems and our crews continued into the night to restore power.

These events bring us to the deadline for submitting this month's article. First re-

sponse restoration efforts will continue in earnest until all meter have electricity.

We will make application with FEMA and the Kansas Emergency Management (KEM) for grant funds to help finance the storm damage restoration. We have early cost estimates of \$4,000,000 to restore the electric system to acceptable industry standards.

Accolades go to your linemen and administrative employees who are working diligently and professionally to the best of their abilities to deal with the storm. They have willingly teamed together to make the work at hand an experience as amicable and positive as it can be. Ice storm restoration efforts require tact, patience, safety, flexibility, and creativity in order to achieve the best results. Your Caney Valley ECA staff is exemplifying these traits.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS WIN A FREE TRIP!!!

Caney Valley Electric is sponsoring
an all-expense-paid trip to
Steamboat Springs, Colorado,
July 16-22, 2005.

The contest is open to all current high school juniors in Caney Valley's service area, whose parents or guardians are served by Caney Valley Electric. This trip is part of a four-state "Leadership Camp" sponsored by rural electric cooperatives in Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Kansas.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Caney Valley Electric has scholarships available for high school seniors going on to college or a vocational-technical school. Scholarships are \$300 per semester for the first year (total \$600).

**If you are a high school junior or senior and interested in these programs,
please contact your high school counselor or Caney Valley Electric at 758-2262.**

Keeping You Informed...

OPERATING STATISTICS

For Month Ending:	November 2003	November 2004
Customers Served	5,194	5,215
kWh Sold	3,476,048	3,356,926
Total Revenue	\$421,677	\$413,655
Purchased Power	\$230,738	\$213,660
Operating Expenses	\$119,288	\$117,922
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 41,447	\$ 45,570
Interest Expenses	\$ 25,091	\$ 26,434
Operating Margins	\$ 5,113	\$ 10,069
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 2,333	\$ 2,106
Total Margins	\$ 7,446	\$ 12,175
Margins Year-to-Date	\$483,875	\$222,543

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for February is \$.00175.

This calculates to an additional \$1.75 per 1,000 kilowatt hours used.

Annual Meeting Trustee Elections

Caney Valley Electric is required to give a summary of the bylaws section on the election process prior to the nominating committee meeting to select individuals for Board of Trustee position. The following is taken from Article III (Trustees), Section 3, Nominations, of Caney Valley's current bylaws:

"It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of a meeting at which trustees are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members, who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation to the area served or to be served by the Cooperative. No officer or member of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed a member of such committee. Said committee shall nominate at least two members as candidates for each trustee to be elected at any annual meeting. The committee shall prepare and

post at the principal office of the cooperative, at least twenty-five (25) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for trustees; but any fifteen (15) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than twenty (20) days prior to the meeting, and the secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted... Nothing contained herein shall, however, prevent additional nominations being made from the floor at the meeting of the members."

Caney Valley Board of Trustees will be selecting a nominating committee at their February 8th Board meeting. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact one of your district's trustees prior to that date.

The Annual Meeting for Caney Valley Electric will be held Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at Sedan.

Special Thank YOU

The Board, Management, and Employees want to thank Caney Valley ECA's consumer/members for their considerate support, patience and understanding while the ice storm repairs are being made. Many compliments and acts of kindness are received, and that helps to make the work even more rewarding.

'Hot' Water Not Always That Hot

A simple way to save home energy costs is to redefine what's hot water.

Many homeowners are comfortable with their water heater set at 140 degrees. Some find lower temperatures get the job done.

The goal is the lowest temperature at which the family is satisfied clothes and dishes are getting clean, said engineers with the Extension Energy Service at Kansas State University.

Gas, propane and oil-fired water heaters typically have a single thermostat, located near the bottom of the tank outside the exterior shell. That thermostat may have warm, medium and hot settings, rather than choices calibrated in degrees, the engineers said.

Electric water heaters can have two thermostats, which commonly are behind access plates on the water heater's shell. Setting them requires (1) discon-

necting the circuit breaker to the water heater, (2) removing the access plates and (3) setting the thermostats.

Homeowners with excess capacity for family needs can set the upper thermostat at the temperature they want for household use. They can turn the lower thermostat off or set it below 140 F.

More tips on energy safety and savings are available on the Web at: (<http://www.engext.ksu.edu/ees/>).