

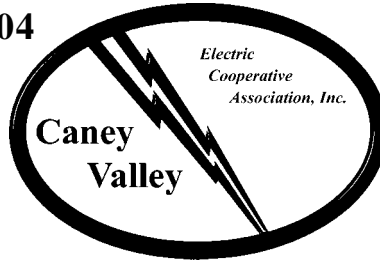


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## From the Manager's Desk...

Year-end financial statements and statistics have become available, and reviewing some of the figures and comparisons can be interesting to some. Kilowatt hour sales in 2003 were 49,252,176. This was 1,397,475 more kwh's than the 47,854,701 recorded in 2002. Kwh purchases were also greater in 2003; 53,903,875 compared to 52,689,532 in 2002. The line loss percentage (the difference between kwh's purchased and kwh's sold) was down to 8.63% from 9.18%.

The increase in expenses from 2002 to 2003 was \$317,176, or 6.1%. If we remove the cost of purchased wholesale electricity from the total expenses, the expenses increased \$129,519, or 5.6%.

	2002	2003	Increase
Total Expenses	\$5,221,562	\$5,538,738	\$317,176
Expenses without power costs	\$2,325,925	\$2,455,444	\$129,519

Total income revenues increased 3.3% from \$5,766,067 to \$5,957,221. Total margins decreased from \$597,018 to \$465,858, or a decrease of 22%. Please take time to review this information and contact me to discuss and make comments, or offer questions you may have.

*Allen Zadorozny, Manager*

## OPERATING STATISTICS

<b>For Month End:</b>	<b>December 2002</b>	<b>December 2003</b>	<b>Year End 2002</b>	<b>Year End 2003</b>
Customers Served (average)	5,178	5,188	5,173	5,180
kWh Sold	3,416,678	3,588,981	47,733,928	49,125,078
Revenue	\$463,254	\$453,124	\$5,766,067	\$5,957,221
Purchased Power	\$229,737	\$244,749	\$2,895,637	\$3,083,294
Operating Expenses	\$111,167	\$160,589	\$1,473,382	\$1,641,651
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 37,648	\$ 42,158	\$ 465,384	\$ 485,463
Interest Expenses	\$ 26,424	\$ 26,160	\$ 383,841	\$ 324,583
Other Expenses	\$ 316	\$ 349	\$ 3,318	\$ 3,747
Operating Margins	\$ 57,962	\$(20,881)	\$ 544,505	\$ 418,483
Non-operating Margins	\$ 2,958	\$ 2,864	\$ 51,513	\$ 47,375
Total Margins	\$ 60,920	\$(18,017)	\$ 597,018	\$ 465,858

### Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA)  
for March is \$.00220.  
This calculates to  
an additional \$2.20  
per 1,000 kilowatt hours used.

### Attention 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).

Applications are due by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you are interested in applying, please contact your high school counselor or Caney Valley Electric at 758-2262.

# *The Best Insurance for Losses from a Power Outage is Preparation*

Frequently we are asked by members who have had damage or loss during a power outage if their loss is somehow covered by our insurance.

The answer is always the same: We have no way of insuring our members from the effects of outages which are beyond our control and are always going to be part of providing electrical service.

Although we try to provide the most reliable service possible and have an excellent and improving record of reliability, some outages must be expected. Weather, vehicle accidents, animals, falling trees and a variety of other causes will continue to create outages and inconvenience for all of us.

These outages are not only expensive and inconvenient for you,

they are also extremely expensive for your cooperative to correct. This leaves you with the burden of insuring yourself for these occurrences which are caused by nature or otherwise. You should consider having adequate insurance to cover such incidents.

There are many things you can do to help eliminate potential problems, such as having proper protection on computer equipment and electric motors, an alarm system to notify you of an outage and possibly a standby generator when 24-hour power is absolutely essential.

We intend to keep doing our best to prevent service interruptions, but we urge you to consider having proper insurance protection for those occasions when the unexpected happens.

## *Notice...*

### ***New Electronic Meters Entering Service***

Caney Valley Electric has recently purchased new electronic single-phase (Focus) meters. We plan to install these meters on small commercial accounts first. These meters will be consumer read, the same as our existing meters, except they display the reading a little different. These meters have two displays with one being the kilowatt hour reading and one being a meter self-test of 888:88. These two displays each show for five seconds on the meter continuously. Just like our existing meters, they still have an 8-digit ID number on the nameplate.

When we install one of these Focus meters, you should receive a meter change notice in the mail.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.



## **Reminder to All Customers:**

**If you are out of service, please be sure to check your breakers or fuses inside the house, and rural customers need to check the breakers at the pole, before calling our office. You might also want to check and see if any of your neighbors are off. This will help us determine how extensive the outage might be.**

**Please be advised that if our crews come out on an outage call, and the trouble is on your side of the meter, or we just need to reset your breaker, you can be charged a \$50.00 trip charge.  
Thank you!**

