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From the Manager's Desk . . .

By the time this newsletter arrives the first part of April, we hope we can say that we made it through the winter without any extensive storm related outages and damage. It was definitely a more weather-active winter with several snow storms coming through, but thankfully no ice storms. Line maintenance and construction demands daily, full-time attention from our linemen; and progress can be significantly stopped or slowed down when bad weather sets in. Large outages caused by the weather transfer our efforts from improving the electric plant to just getting the power back on. Ideally, we would like for the spring thunderstorms to go lightly on us, yet provide ample rain. (Dream on!)

Our ongoing goal is to improve continuity of service to you by systematically replacing worn out electric lines and equipment, plus keeping the

lines cleared from trees and brush. This, of course, has to be done within budgetary boundaries that are needed to keep the Cooperative as sound as possible. As with your business, it is a challenge to balance what needs to be done with the financial limitations and circumstances. Acknowledging all of this, we are making progress and will continue to do so.

Allen Zadorozny, Manager

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	Jan. 2002	Jan. 2003
Customers Served (average)	5,125	5,180
kWh Sold	3,820,558	4,183,001
Operating Revenue	\$429,882	\$486,110
Purchased Power	\$197,655	\$232,601
Operating Expenses	\$117,532	\$133,901
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 38,143	\$ 38,168
Interest Expenses	\$ 28,143	\$ 32,101
Other Expenses	\$ 1,257	\$ 200
Operating Margins	\$ 47,152	\$ 49,139
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 2,857	\$ 3,031
Total Margins	\$ 50,009	\$ 52,170

It Bears Repeating: Look Up & Live

You've heard it before, but remember that making any contact with electric power lines is very dangerous. Electricity naturally flows to the ground through anything that will carry current -- and people are a good conductor of electricity.

Although electric power lines are well out of a person's normal reach, carrying ladders, raising pipes, moving equipment with booms, and climbing in trees can bring people in close contact with high voltage power lines. **Remember: these lines are NOT insulated, and touching one can cause serious injury or death.**

If you're moving equipment that might not clear a power line, do not try to raise the lines by hand! Call your local electric cooperative to provide the help you need. And before you raise that ladder, put up an antenna, lift a long section of pipe, or move a boat with a raised mast, look up and live.

*Plan to Attend the
CANEY VALLEY
ELECTRIC
Annual Meeting!*

Make plans to attend the Caney Valley Electric Annual Meeting and be represented as co-owner in the Association!

You will hear reports pertaining to the Cooperative, as well as the electric industry in general. ELECTION OF THREE TRUSTEES will take place. The meeting will be held May 6, 2003, at the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds, Sedan, Kansas.

Schedule of Events:

Free meal provided starting at 5:30 p.m.
Entertainment provided by "The Williams Family" from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Door Prizes to everyone, young & old, attending the meeting!

Free Child Care available.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT (PCA)

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for April is \$.00472 per kWh. This calculates to an additional \$4.72 per 1,000 kWh's used.

**STATEMENT OF
NONDISCRIMINATION**

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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 February of 2003.

Date	Area	Consumers	Duration	Cause
2/19	Hale	30	1hr 45min	Broken Insulator
2/24	No of Dexter	35	1hr 30 min	Burn down (heavy snow)