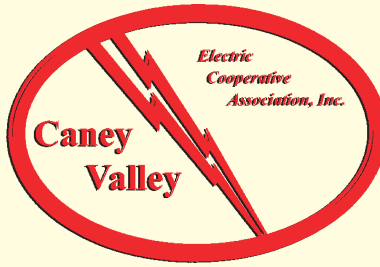


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From the Manager's Desk...

At times it is difficult to maintain a positive outlook and attitude. Circumstances and events can puncture the most optimistic balloon. But, in reality, do we have any choice except to work at being positive or, at least, attempting to be positive?

I believe this relates to the ongoing struggles of the rural living economy, both in the countryside and in small towns. Acknowledging that the odds are against economic improvements as a result of "windfalls" or easy victories is important. Planning and working together for acceptable economic progress can provide the strength and encouragement necessary to maintain a collective, ongoing, positive force.

I am suggesting to you, and as much to myself, if not more so, the following:

- to have a positive attitude,
- to be helpful and do positive things,
- to be less quick to dislike, find fault, condescend, tear down, or to be overly critical,
- to tactfully offer suggestions for improvements or corrections,
- to consistently patronize local businesses and services whenever practical,
- to volunteer your time and/or resources for community projects and events,
- to belong and take an active role in community organizations,
- to develop sound new ideas and promote creative thinking

From these suggestions and other similar ones you could add, positive attitudes and spirits can produce positive results. Let's do it.

Allen A. Zadorozny, Manager

Outages for March 2005

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

Date	Area	Consumers Affected	Duration	Cause
3/21	Grenola/Howard	394	1 1/2 hours	KG & E/ Westar off
3/22	Chautauqua	25	15 minutes	Tree in line
3/22	Elgin	20	1 1/2 hours	Bad transformer kicked line off
3/23	Dexter	45	3 1/2 hours	Line down across creek
3/30	West of Grenola	15	5 hours	Bad transformer kicked line off

Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment for May is \$0.00374.
This calculates to an additional \$3.74 per 1,000 kilowatt hours used.

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending:	February 2004	February 2005
Meters Billed	5,194	5,217
Kilowatt Hours Sold	4,314,058	418,626
Total Revenue	\$ 491,059	\$ 471,311
Purchased Power	\$ 249,887	\$ 218,884
Operating Expenses	\$ 148,687	\$ 116,159
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 42, 870	\$ 43,252
Interest Expenses	\$ 23,362	\$ 26,943
Other Expenses	\$ 680	\$ 460
Operating Margins	\$ 25,573	\$ 65,613
Non-operating Margins	\$ 3,747	\$ 2,929
Total Margins	\$ 29,320	\$ 68,542
Margins Year-to-Date	\$31,164	\$ 208,817

2005 Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Grant and Guaranteed Loan Program

On March 28, 2005, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced the availability of \$22.8 million to support investments in renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements by agricultural producers and rural small businesses. Assistance is available from USDA-Rural Development.

The 2005 Notice of Funding Availability allows for both renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. Renewable energy may be items such as wind generators, biomass or solar power. The energy efficiency portion of this initiative is to assist small businesses and agricultural producers with replacing older equipment with more energy efficient models. The projects can range from replacing refrigerators for a grocery store to replacing grain dryers for farmers.

The grant must be 25 percent or less of the entire project and the minimum grant that can be applied for is \$2,500. Grant applications must be postmarked no later than June 27, 2005, so time is of the essence.

Potential applicants can access full eligibility and application requirements on the following website:
<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farmbill/2005NOFA/nofa05navigate.htm>

If you have further questions, please contact the Kansas' Rural Energy Coordinator:

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Remember Mother's Day
is May 8th

In observance of
Memorial Day,
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