

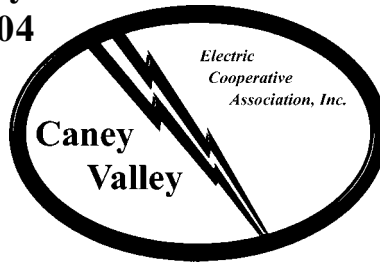


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## From the Manager's Desk...

It has been two months since Caney Valley ECA's annual meeting, but this is the first opportunity I have had to send out our appreciation to so many of you who attended. The meeting held at the Cedar Vale School Gymnasium attracted approximately 500 people with 315 registered members.

Looking at electric cooperative annual meetings' attendance across the state, this ranks near the top in comparison. Important board trustee elections were held with excellent choices being offered for all three districts. Richard Craft, Sedan, William McCormick, Cambridge, and Sam Wilson, Hewins, were elected to three-year terms. Mike Carver, Burden, Dean Littrell, Chautauqua, and James Owens, Cedar Vale, are to be commended for their willingness to be considered as candidates for the Board from their respective districts. Their participation in the cooperative's representative process is essential to the successful fulfillment of the electric cooperative concepts.

The Board of Trustees elected officers among themselves soon after the annual meeting. All officers were reelected for the coming year: Ron Lenington, DVM, Cedar Vale, President; Richard Craft, Sedan, Vice-President; and David Evans, Howard, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Board and employee staff will continue their conscientious efforts to operate your cooperative in a responsible and reliable manner. Thank you all for coming to the meeting.

Allen A. Zadorozny, Manager

## Keeping You Informed...

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 May, 2004:

Date	Area	Consumers		Cause
		Affected	Duration	
May 4	Sedan A-phase	150	2 hr 45 min	Accident-truck caught & drug wire
May 13	So of Longton	18	3 hrs	Lightning caused burn down
May 21	East Maple City	35	2 hrs	Wire came loose from insulator
May 21	East Maple City	35	1 hrs	Reset line OCR
May 25	N of Howard	35	1 hr 15 min	Reset line OCR

### OPERATING STATISTICS

For Month Ending:	April, 2003	April 2004
Customers Served (avg)	5,162	5,180
kWh Sold	3,753,876	3,840,966
Revenue	\$ 438,832	\$ 464,240
Purchased Power	\$ 205,144	\$ 210,567
Operating Expenses	\$ 128,427	\$ 154,786
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 39,874	\$ 43,402
Interest Expenses	\$ 28,818	\$ 26,105
Other Expenses	\$ 225	\$ 345
Operating Margins	\$ 36,344	\$ 29,035
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 3,856	\$ 8,580
Total Margins	\$ 40,200	\$ 37,615
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 162,200	\$ 109,234

## POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

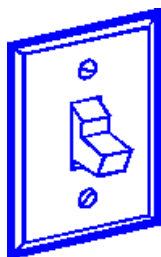
**The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for July is \$.00740. This calculates to an additional \$7.40 per 1,000 kilowatt hours used.**

## Reminder to all Members

Please be sure and address all your payments and correspondence to our mailing address, which is  
**PO Box 308  
Cedar Vale, KS 67024.**

Sending mail to our physical address (401 Lawrence, Cedar Vale, KS), may mean a delay in us getting your payments.

## What to Do with that Light - Leave It on or Turn It off?



There is probably nothing more confusing concerning light bulbs than this: If you're going to be out of a room for a few minutes, should you turn the light off or leave it on? Gene Meyer, extension mechanical engineer at Kansas State University, has the answer, once and for all.

If you use incandescent lights, always shut them off when you leave a room, even if you are going to be gone only a minute or two.

With fluorescent lights, you need to consider both the cost of the lamp and the electricity. When electrical energy was more inexpensive, people left lights on for extended periods because turning a fluorescent light off and on shortens its life.

"At that time, the cost of the bulb was the most significant part of operating a lighting system," Meyer said. "Since those times, things have changed considerably."

Because the cost of energy to operate a light exceeds the cost of the light itself, whenever you leave a room for more than about seven to 10 minutes, it's best to shut off fluorescent lights.

"Most times when you leave a room, even if you think you are going to be returning shortly, you might be delayed, so shut off those fluorescent lights," Meyer said.

## Peak Control Program Saves Both Money and Energy

### What is Peak Control?

Peak control is a voluntary program in which our members can participate to hold down electricity costs to both Caney Valley ECA and themselves.

### What Can Members Do To Participate in Peak Control?

Members can participate by voluntarily not using, or limiting the use of, electric equipment and appliances which require larger amounts of electricity.

### When Do Members Need to Participate in Peak Control?

During the hours of 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. every weekday from June 1 through September 30. The actual peak demand for June, July, August and September is the billing demand for each respective month. Special emphasis is placed during July and August, as the peak electricity demand registered by Caney Valley ECA during those two months drives the electricity billings for the following eight months – October through May. Be aware of days that have high temperatures forecasted above 90°; these are the type of days when peak demands usually occur.

### What Benefit May the Members See From Taking Part in Peak Control?

By helping hold the line for the KW demand charges on Caney Valley ECA's wholesale electric bill, the member will also limit the amount of the resulting power cost adjustment (PCA) charges added to his/her electric bills.

**Please contact our office at 758-2261 or 800-310-8911 for any questions you may have. We thank you for your participation in this program.**

Light Lines

by DonnaRee



"All our appliances are energy efficient, so why is our power bill so high?"

## What Do 4<sup>th</sup> Of July and Electric Cooperatives Have In Common?

When Benjamin Franklin signed the Declaration of Independence, he is credited with saying, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."

No wonder Franklin was also the founder of the first successful cooperative formed in the United States. He organized the Philadelphia Contributionship for the Insurance of Houses from Loss by Fire in 1752.

The principles behind the Declaration of Independence that form the basis of American democracy are also the beliefs that form the basis of cooperatives.

A cooperative is owned and democratically controlled by the people who use its services. Each consumer-owner has one vote regardless of their equity in the company; that is, wealthy members can't buy more control and everyone has an equal say. This is in contrast to investor-owned businesses where only shareholders have a vote in how the business is run; and even among shareholders, some have more votes than others depending on their shares of stock.

The Declaration of Independence also declared the equality of rights of its citizens and that people had the right to organize to secure their futures when their rights were infringed upon.

At the time the Declaration was written, democracy was a pretty untested idea — but the founders of our country were determined to make it work.

So when you celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with your families and friends this year, think about those principles that inspired our Founding Fathers. They also inspired the founders of rural electric cooperatives, who were determined to provide reliable, affordable power to secure the futures of their rural communities.