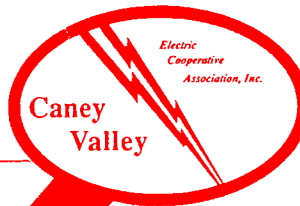


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From the Manager's Desk...

The electric bills you receive the next two months will probably be your highest or among the highest you have through the year. Your Board of Trustees closely monitors the financial operations of your cooperative to assure you are paying electric rates which are fair and reasonable. Unfortunately, Caney Valley's electric rates historically have been, and are, higher than we would like to have them. There are many reasons why this is the case, and I would be glad to discuss them with you in detail if you would come by the office or give me a call.

On the brighter side, at least the average cost you are paying per kilowatt hour is nearly the same as it has been since 1994, the last time the rates were revised. For all of

Caney Valley's consumers, residential and non-residential, the overall average cost this year to date (January through May) is slightly less than it was for the same time frame in 1994. This year 11.43¢/kwh; 1994-11.48¢/kwh.

We are working to hold the line as long as possible. As you know from your experiences with your personal and business finances, costs you pay usually continue upward constantly. It is the same with Caney Valley's operations. Be assured that your Board and employees will continue to be mindful of your electric utility costs, and will attempt to keep them as stable as possible.

Allen 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 larger outages and their causes that occurred in June, 2003:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Consumers Affected</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Cause</u>
6/5	Sedan	1577	1 ½ hrs	Lightning storm-lost station power
6/12	W of Moline	20	1 hour	Reset breaker
6/21	N of Havana	35	1 ½ hrs	Reset breaker
6/25	Hale	35	½ hour	Reset breaker
6/25	Cedar Vale	285	15 min	Breaker out in substation

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending:	May, 2002	May, 2003
Customers Served (avg)	5,172	5,182
kWh Sold	3,356,201	3,180,016
Operating Revenue	\$ 396,772	\$ 378,735
Purchased Power	\$ 211,786	\$ 217,777
Operating Expenses	\$ 130,691	\$ 139,729
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 38,361	\$ 40,108
Interest Expenses	\$ 28,850	\$ 30,424
Other Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 300
Operating Margins	\$(12,916)	\$(49,603)
Non-operating Margins	\$ 3,566	\$ 2,790
Total Margins	\$(9,350)	\$(46,813)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 183,728	\$ 115,387

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for August is \$.00894 per kilowatt hour. This calculates to an additional \$8.94 per 1,000 kilowatt hours used.

Please Remember to Use 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.

You can participate by voluntarily not using, or limiting the use of, electric equipment and appliances which require larger amounts of electricity, during the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every weekday from June 1 through September 30.

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 off-peak 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.

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 answers to any questions you may have. We thank you for your participation in this program

Don't Touch!!!

Some people believe that overhead electric power lines are insulated.

They are *NOT!*

Therefore, they can hurt you if you come into contact with them. In fact, you can be killed. That's one of the reasons why they are placed high above the ground or even buried--so that they are out of the way.

If for some reason you come across an electric power line that is within reach, don't reach for it. Instead, reach for your phone and notify us.

We will come out and handle the situation safely. And that's what this message is all about --safety around electricity. Don't touch electric power lines! It can help you avoid the shock of your life.

But I Was Gone . . .

Some people are surprised after returning from vacation to find their electric bill is about the same as if they never left home. Actually, even when you're away from home, your meter doesn't take a vacation. It's still running as electricity powers many things in your home, even during your absence. Refrigerator, air-conditioner, clocks, VCRs, and TVs with the instant-on feature all use power when you're gone. Remember that electricity is a bargain, but it's still at work for you even though you're playing.

School Starts in August . . .

Drive Carefully And Watch
For School Buses
Stopped for Children
On The Roadway!



Fans Help Air Conditioners Work More Efficiently

By using a ceiling fan during the summer months, you can turn the thermostat setting up on your air conditioner and still feel comfortable.

Moving air can compensate for an increase of about four degrees in room temperature without any loss of comfort. Each degree you raise your thermostat in the summer can result in a savings of three to four percent on your electric bill.

"If you raise your thermostat from 76 to 80 degrees, you could expect to save 12 to 16 percent on your cooling costs," said Doug Walter, president of the Kansas Building Science Institute in Manhattan, KS.

A ceiling fan is one of many fans that create cooling breezes. Another style can work as well. Ceiling fans are often chosen for aesthetic and nostalgic reasons, can be more expensive than other types of fans and benefits only one room.

It's best to find fan which will move the air around and fits your budget.

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 once 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.