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From the Manager's Desk...

Following is an update on the progress being made on the January 31, 2002, ice storm damage restoration. The miles of line summary is as of July 15, 2003; and the expenditure figures are through June 30, 2003.

The expenditures have been documented by Caney Valley ECA and submitted for review and approval to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), and the Kansas Emergency Management (KEM). FEMA has returned grant funds to Caney Valley covering 75% of the restoration costs, and KEM has authorized another 10% in grants from the State of Kansas.

The work is being completed by one high-line contractor, Power Utilities Services of Pryor, Oklahoma. In addition, Caney Valley's crews are completing as much restoration work as normal operations will allow.

The line restoration is being monitored daily by Caney Valley's staff, and also examined periodically by the KEM and Finley Engineering – an independent consulting engineering firm of Lamar, Missouri.

Caney Valley has requested and received formal approval from FEMA and KEM to have until August, 2004, to complete the line restoration.

We appreciate your continued support and cooperation as we work toward completion of all the remaining projects.

Allen Zadorozny, Manager

Miles of Line Summary

Storm Repair Projects started 2/2002

**Completed as of 7/15/03 – New Poles, Conductor &
 Right-of-Way Clearing**

1-phase line = 92 miles

2-phase line = 4.5 miles

3-phase line = 33 miles

69KV Transmission Line (Phillips Station) = 5.5 miles

Projects yet to be completed as of 7/15/03

1-phase line = 84 miles

2-phase line = 4 miles

3-phase line = 7.5 miles

Ice Storm Expenditures through 6/30/2002

Contract Labor	\$ 2,199,709.77
Contractor Right-of-Way	\$ 104,420.64
Mutual Aid	\$ 480,175.42
Miscellaneous Contractors	\$ 129,378.06
Restaurant/Food	\$ 17,392.57
Motels	\$ 33,142.43
Direct Payroll	\$ 271,079.72
Benefits Overheads	\$ 101,201.72
Labor Overheads	\$ 42,924.04
Transportation	\$ 98,683.12
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 37,169.35
Material Used	\$ 977,782.49
Material Overheads	\$ 23,339.92

TOTALS \$ 4,516,399.25

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 July, 2003:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Consumers Affected</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Cause</u>
7/6/03	Peru	60	1hr 10min	Breaker out south of Sedan
7/9/03	Atlanta	15	2 hours	Tree on line – storm
7/9/03	Sedan	500	35 min	Capacitor hit by lightning
7/10/03	N of Cedar Vale	50	39 min	OCR out in substation
7/15/03	NE of Atlanta	25	1hr 45min	Pole down
7/22/03	W of Sedan	35	2hr 22min	Reset OCR – lightning
7/22/03	SE of Cedar Vale	30	2 hours	Line down - lightning
7/22/03	E of Grenola	35	1 hour	Reset OCR - lightning
7/22/03	Dexter area	138	1hr 40min	KG&E off
7/25/03	Longton/Elk Falls	337	1hr 20min	Voltage problem in substation
7/29/03	Dexter area	138	20 min	KG&E off

Local Student attends Youth Leadership Camp

“The Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp was great! It made a huge impact on me and it really helped me with my leadership skills,” said Cassie Orleans, a senior at Cedar Vale this fall, and a winner of the 2003 Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. The camp was held July 19-25, 2003, at the Glen Eden Resort near Steamboat Springs, CO.

Orleans joined 23 other Kansas participants and more than 60 high school students from Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming at the Cooperative Leadership Youth Camp. During their weeklong stay in Colorado.

The youth created their own mock cooperative, attended sessions featuring energy and legislative simulations, and visited Craig Station, one of the largest electric generating plants in the Mid-

west.

“The trip was wonderful! I had such a blast learning and meeting new people!” she said. “I would like to thank my co-op for making this experience possible.”

The Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp winners were selected from a group of local high school applicants. The participants were asked to submit an essay on “How Electricity Affects My Life,” complete a questionnaire, ready and study information on the local and national cooperatives and agencies, and complete a short quiz over the material.

“We are pleased to have Cassie represent Caney Valley Electric Cooperative,” said Manager, Allen Zadorozny. “All of the students who applied were outstanding, and we are proud to sponsor a student at the leadership camp.”



Help Avoid Delinquent Bills

Bills for electric service shall be deemed delinquent if payment is not received by the Cooperative on or before the due date stated on the bill (per Rules and Regulations Section 4K).

For example: if the due date is September 5 (town) or 25 (rural) then the payment has to be received in our office by that date, not postmarked by that date.

Since the September 11 tragedy, we have noticed that the mail takes longer than it used to. You cannot count on mailing your bill to us and expect us to get it in the next day or two.

Our policy is that we open all mail on the day we receive it and that is the day that it is credited to your account. We do not accept post-dated checks.

We have had mail take up to three weeks for us to receive it. Many times we cannot tell from the bar codes on the envelope where the delivery route has taken it. A few of the interesting detours which we

have seen: an envelope mailed from Moline went to Hawaii, then back to Cedar Vale. Yesterday we received an envelope which started in Havana and went to two different places in Puerto Rico before it reached us. Likewise, all town cards are usually mailed from our office on the 10th of each month, while the rural cards are mailed the last day of the month, and may not reach you promptly for the same reasons.

We do provide a drop box outside our front door so that a payment can be dropped off when the office is not open. This mail is collected and counted daily. We also accept credit card payments by phone if you wish to pay in that manner.

One other manner of payment you can utilize is the automatic bank draft. Bank drafts are processed on the first business day of each month, and are deducted directly out of your bank account. If you are interested in paying by bank draft, please contact our office and request a form you will need to complete authorizing us to do this.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office.

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending:	June 2003	June 2002
Customers Served (average)	5,192	5,181
kWh Sold	3,535,089	3,282,010
Operating Revenue	\$ 429,528	\$ 392,241
Purchased Power	\$ 256,960	\$ 275,825
Operating Expenses	\$ 139,830	\$ 130,454
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 40,331	\$ 38,378
Interest Expenses	\$ 27,122	\$ 49,040
Other Expenses	\$ 50	\$ 25
Operating Margins	\$ (34,765)	\$(101,481)
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 2,610	\$ 3,204
Total Margins	\$ (32,155)	\$ (98,277)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 83,232	\$ 85,451

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for September is \$.01260 per kilowatt hour. This calculates to an additional \$12.60 per 1,000 kilowatt hours used.