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*A Communication  
 Service To Our  
 Members*

October 2003



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 Cooperative Assn., Inc.**  
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## What's Up With The PCA (Power Cost Adjustment)?

If you have taken time to check your electric bills lately, you probably have noticed that the PCA adder has approached and passed a cent per kilowatt hour. As you know too well, this comes at the time of year when the bills are the highest anyway due to air conditioning the 100-degree heat.

The PCA charge follows what Caney Valley ECA has to pay for its monthly wholesale power bill from the supplier, KEPCo (Kansas Electric Power Cooperative). The costs above 5¢ per kwh are passed on to you. Following are the PCA adders you have been paying since May:

KEPCo has experienced increased power generation costs from their contracted power generating sources. Those contracts allow KEPCo suppliers to pass on increased generation costs to them. KEPCo in turn passes those costs on to Caney Valley ECA. Caney Valley ECA passes the costs to you.

We are told that the main cause for all of this is a result of the generation plants fueled by natural gas experiencing high costs for the gas. The cost of natural gas has been quite volatile over the last few years, and has begun to rise again.

This whole matter is of great concern to us at Caney Valley ECA. We acknowledge that your electric rates are already high enough before adding PCA charges to them. We are basically at the mercy of what is happening out of our control. What we can do is to monitor this situation and keep you informed on how it all affects you.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss this serious problem, any time.

**Allen A. Zadorozny, Manager**

Month	PCA	Cost per 1000 kwh's
May	.344¢/kwh	\$ 3.44
June	.75¢/kwh	\$ 7.56
July	.82¢/kwh	\$ 8.20
August	.894¢/kwh	\$ 8.94
September	1.260¢/kwh	\$12.60
October	1.483¢/kwh	\$14.83

Have a  
 SAFE  
 and  
 Happy  
 Halloween!  
 Friday, October 31



### Operating Statistics

<u>For Month Ending</u>	<u>July 2003</u>	<u>July 2002</u>
Customers Served (avg) .....	5,187 .....	5,160 .....
kWh Sold .....	4,194,596 .....	4,352,874 .....
Operating Revenue .....	\$ 521,967 .....	\$ 539,204 .....
Purchased Power .....	\$ 406,646 .....	\$ 329,753 .....
Operating Expenses .....	\$ 153,310 .....	\$ 135,631 .....
Depreciation Expenses .....	\$ 40,682 .....	\$ 38,397 .....
Interest Expenses .....	\$ 27,640 .....	\$ 49,041 .....
Other Expenses .....	\$ 0 .....	\$ 0 .....
Operating Margins .....	\$(106,311) .....	\$ (13,618) .....
Non-Operating Margins .....	\$ 2,412 .....	\$ 8,842 .....
Total Margins .....	\$(103,899) .....	\$ (4,776) .....
Margins Year-to-Date .....	\$ (20,667) .....	\$ 80,675 .....

### Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for October is \$.01483 per kilowatt hour. This calculates to an additional \$14.83 per 1,000 kilowatt hour used.

## Services Available to our Members

### *Rebates Available...*

Caney Valley Electric has rebates available on the purchase of new electric:

- \* **Heat pumps or heating systems**
- \* **Water heaters**
- \* **Dryers**
- \* **Ranges**

We also have 40- and 52-gallon water heaters available free to cooperative members installing them in new construction or replacing non-electric units. If you are replacing an electric water heater, you can purchase one for \$100.

Contact our office at 620-758-2262 for further information and requirements.

### *We Ship UPS...*

As a service to our members, we ship UPS packages out of our office. Charges are based on current UPS charges, and packages are picked up each weekday, usually by 2:00 p.m.

If you have a package you'd like to ship UPS, bring it by our office along with the name and street address it is to be shipped to. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 758-2262.

## WINCH TRUCK FOR SALE



1981 Ford F800 winch truck - Bradon winch with rolling tail-gate. Will accept sealed bids until noon, October 31, 2003. Call 620-758-2262 for information, or see truck at Caney Valley Electric, 401 Lawrence, Cedar Vale, KS

## Don't Forget to Change Your Clocks October 26th!



### Fall Back An Hour In Fall



- ✓ **CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN ALL SMOKE DETECTORS.**
- ✓ **HAVE A PROFESSIONAL CHECK YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.**

**FOR YOUR FAMILY'S SAFETY, DO NOT DELAY.**

## 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 August, 2003:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Consumers Affected</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Cause</u>
8/1/03	Phillips Sub	147	2 hr 10 min	Pole at sub on fire, blew 69KV fuse
8/2/03	N Niotaze	20	1 hr 10 min	Reset OCR
8/4/03	Phillips Sub	147	45 min	Blew fuses above regulators
8/4/03	Phillips Sub	147	45 min	Replaced pole at sub
8/5/03	N Havana	45	1 hr	Reset OCR
8/5/03	Caney/Chaut subs	1539	1 hr	KG&E lost 69KV line at Dearing
8/6/03	W Sedan	30	8 hr 20 min	Stranded primary welded to neutral
8/13/03	N Havana	20	42 min	Accident
8/16/03	N Havana	30	1 hr	Reset OCR
8/22/03	SE Sedan	45	35 min	Bad OCR
8/29/03	Dexter	35	1 hr 40 min	KG&E had A-phase off
8/30/00	No Sedan	25	3 hrs	Reset OCR
8/31/03	N Niotaze	25	2 hrs	Tree limb on line