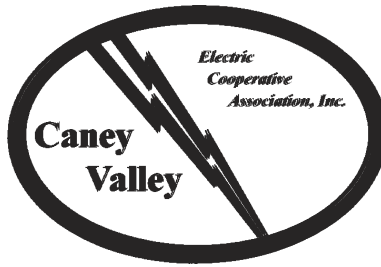


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From the Manager... Safety First

It is very easy to forget how important it is to respect electricity; neglecting to do so can be very dangerous to our health, or even cause death. It is ironic how the multitude of good electricity provides us can also be an ever present danger when not given the proper attention.

Caney Valley ECA's employees routinely receive safety training encompassing all aspects of their work. Safe working procedures are taught along with the training to develop proper safety habits both on and off the job. Safety training for all of our employees is truly emphasized throughout our operations.

It is also highly important that Caney Valley ECA provides you with electrical safety information and guidelines. Most of our public relations advertisements and notices in your local newspaper convey to you some area of electrical safety concerns and advice. Some portion of this monthly newsletter usually is about safety. Lately, we have added a telephone "on-hold" recording of safety messages played if you are waiting on the telephone to speak to one of our employees.

Our insurance company contracts with hundreds of electric cooperatives throughout the United States. The following information from its records is another good reason to continually pursue a strong safety program for all of us.

During the first six months of 2005, 57 incidents of contact with power lines resulting in injury or death occurred on our member system's lines. The number of such incidents for the same period in 2004 was 33. Following is a list of the types of public contacts that occurred thus far in 2005:

- Aircraft wire strikes - 3
- Antennas or flagpoles - 2
- Arc after lightning strike to transformer - 1
- Children's toys in line - 3
- Child in haystack under line - 1
- Concrete floats - 2
- Consumers or consumers' contractors trimming trees - 3
- Delivery truck booms - 6
- Downed line after car accidents - 5
- Electrical work by consumers or electricians - 5
- Downed line from farm equipment - 1
- Fighting fire from downed line after storm - 1
- Grain auger - 1
- Illegal service reconnections - 3
- Irrigation pipe - 1
- Ladders and scaffolding - 7
- Underground service dig-ins - 4
- Utility construction contractors - 7
- Well-digging apparatus - 1

Please help us to prevent any Caney Valley ECA consumers, contractors, or employees from being added to these statistics. Thank you.

Allen Zadorozny, Manager

Outages for August 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 August:

Date	Area	Consumers Affected	Duration	Cause
8/13	Peru Area	80	3 hr 30 min	Tree on line.
8/19	Southeast of Sedan	30	2 hr 30 min	Trees hitting line in high wind.
8/26	Southeast of Sedan	150	1 hour	Reset OCR at plant.
8/26	Burden and Atlanta	50	1 hour	Bird on transformer.

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending:	July 2004	July 2005
Customers Billed	5,204	5,241
Kilowatt Hours Sold	4,344,605	4,613,287
Total Revenue	\$535,449	\$589,222
Purchased Power	\$331,966	\$419,165
Operating Expenses	\$169,464	\$161,252
Depreciation Expenses	\$44,248	\$41,693
Interest Expenses	\$25,416	\$32,409
Other Expenses	\$1,400	\$1,100
Operating Margins	\$(37,045)	\$(66,397)
Non-Operating Margins	\$2,316	\$2,541
Total Margins	\$(34,729)	\$(63,856)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$(62,421)	\$(4,023)

Zoning Your Home For Energy Savings

An inefficient heat pump or furnace can cost you a lot of money during cold weather, especially if you use it to heat rooms that you don't always use. Zone-heating is one way to save energy and money by heating just the areas you need. It works especially well during spring and fall when your central heating system provides more heat than you need.

The trick is to provide a small radiant or baseboard electric heater in a "warm room" like a living room or kitchen. This allows you to reduce the use of your central heating system.

Use zone heat in the rooms you use the most, while setting your central thermostat down to a lower and more economical temperature. Zone heating is best provided by permanently installed hard-wired electric heaters, though a portable heater is acceptable if it is used properly and has

built-in safety features.

Beware of cheaper and older portable electric room heaters, which are often not safe because of their red hot elements and limited safety features. If you do use portable heaters, follow these safety guidelines.

- Use new room heaters with a tip-over switch to avoid fires.
- Don't use extension cords with portable heaters.
- Make sure that you have a properly functioning smoke detector.

A programmable thermostat can then set the temperature back to a minimum of 50°F to 60°F at night or when most of the family is away at school and work. You can then leave your central system set to this lower level while you take advantage of zone heat provided in your warm rooms.

Source: Saturn Resource Management

Notice to Members...

If you are using a credit or debit card to pay your bill, please make sure funds are available before calling in your information.

Your payment will process faster and more efficient if you take this extra step when calling in your payments.

Thank you.

Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for October is \$.01931.

This calculates to an additional \$19.31 per 1,000 kilowatt hours sold.

Remember to Change your Clocks October 30th !

- Fall back an hour on October 30th.
- Change the batteries in all your smoke detectors.
- Have a professional check your fire extinguishers.



Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!

