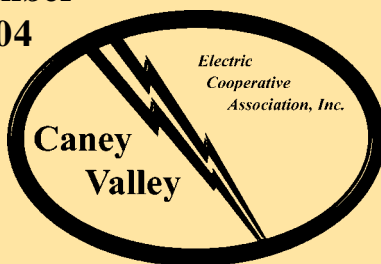


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From the Manager's Desk...

As you have experienced in your businesses and personal finances, the costs for just about everything keep rising. And the costs many times increase more than just a small percentage; some things jump 10% or more at a time.

Some items seem to be higher each time you purchase them.

Some purchases you can postpone or eliminate altogether.

Others, you do not have much choice except to pay what is required because you have to have it.

You can relate your experiences with constantly increasing costs for goods and services to what your electric cooperative's business management works to control. One of the largest increased costs to the Cooperative has been the cost of wholesale power.

The power cost adjustment (PCA) was added to your electric bills beginning in 2002 to cover the higher wholesale rates above five centers per kilowatt hour. Beyond that, all other operating costs have been covered by the regular electric

rates which were set in 1993.

As you may understand, over ten years is a significant length of time for electric rates to continue to cover the operating costs of your Cooperative.

Be assured that your Board of Trustees and employees are ever mindful of holding the line on costs as much as possible while providing quality electric service and personal attention.

*Allen Zadorozny,
Manager*

Notice on All New Commercial Accounts

As of January 1, 2004, Caney Valley Electric will require the consumer/member to furnish, install and maintain the required secondary protection below the meter regardless of voltage (120-480 volt), on all new commercial accounts built.

Caney Valley Electric crews will leave new accounts disconnected until the consumer/member has their secondary protection installed and is ready for service. Caney Valley Electric reserves the right, but assumes no duty, to inspect the consumer's wiring installation for unsafe conditions.

Our office
will be
closed on



Our office will be closed on November 25 & 26 so that we may share Thanksgiving with our families. We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Carbon Monoxide: It's Odorless and **Deadly**

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, tasteless, invisible gas that each year claims more than 2,100 lives, according to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Additionally, the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission reports approximately 10,000 people annually seek medical attention for unintentional CO poisoning caused by a house-related appliance.

Source of Carbon Monoxide

- Fuel-burning household appliances are potential sources of CO poisoning. Follow the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule for these appliances to be working properly.
- Do not leave your vehicle idling in an attached garage. The CO gas can seep into your home through doors and floorboards.

Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Dizziness, severe headaches, nausea, sleepiness, fatigue/weakness, and disorientation or confusion.
- High concentration levels of CO can be fatal in a matter of minutes.

Prevention

- Install CO alarms with a battery backup on every level of a home and in sleeping areas.
- If a CO alarm sounds in your home, never ignore it. Get your family out of the house immediately and open the windows to allow the CO to dissipate.
- Call emergency personnel from a neighbor's home or a cell phone once you are out of the house.

Source: Kidde; U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission; *Journal of the American Medical Association*



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 August, 2004:

Consumers				
Date	Area	Affected	Duration	Cause
9/05	So of Moline	16	1 hr 45 min	Reset OCR (lightning)
9/14	Sedan	100	30min	Single-phasing
9/14	SE of Sedan	30	1 hr 15 min	Jumper burned up at basket
9/15	So of Moline	30	45min	Bad capacitor on oil field line
9/21	Burden sub	150	1 hour	Weststar 69KV line off
9/21	Tisdale sub	85	1 hour	Weststar 69KV line off
9/22	Sedan	300	1 hour	Bad OCR at old Sedan plant
9/24	No of Cedar Vale	100	1 hour	Scheduled-to replace substation transformer
9/29	Sedan	40	1 hour	Replaced bad breaker

OPERATING STATISTICS

For Month Ending:	August, 2003	August, 2004
Customers Served	5,201	5,193
kWh Sold	5,656,767	4,827,426
Revenue	\$691,647	\$ 593,500
Purchased Power	\$411,482	\$ 346,584
Operating Expenses	\$ 143,989	\$ 187,199
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 40,943	\$ 44,341
Interest Expenses	\$ 26,111	\$ 24,437
Other Expenses	\$ 1,605	\$ 100
Operating Margins	\$ 67,517	\$ (9,161)
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 12,790	\$ 8,275
Total Margins	\$ 80,307	\$ (886)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 59,640	\$ (63,306)

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for November is \$.00834. This calculates to an additional \$8.34 per 1,000 kilowatt hours