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## From the Manager's Desk....

Most of you will have a much smaller electric bill this month. Your bill should reflect the electric consumption for the month of October, which usually has temperatures that do not require extra air conditioning or heating. As you are more than quite aware, the summer electric bills were at all-time highs for many. The fall season should bring us some relief from these. Long-term relief, unfortunately, does not look likely.

Costs for fuels which are used in traditional electric generation plants, natural gas and coal have gone up in rapid fashion to unprecedented heights. These costs are so great and ongoing to the point that electric companies cannot pay for them through normal revenues and operating procedures. This means that the high costs above the normal levels have to be born by you, the member, directly. We recognize that your budgets are pushed to the limit, and beyond. We regret this fact.

This whole energy situation is indeed out of hand, and it requires us to work harder than ever to promote responsible actions to provide meaningful solutions to a serious, complex problem facing us all.

*Allen Zadorozny, Manager*

## When To Turn Off Your Lights

Lots of people wonder whether it saves energy to turn their lights off every time they leave a room. The answer depends on two things: the type of lamp (the technical term for what most of us call light bulbs) in your fixtures, and how long you'll leave it off.

If you are still using old-fashioned incandescent lamps, then you should shut them off whenever you'll be out of the room for at least five minutes. But experts from the U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory advise that fluorescent lamps are different, whether you are using the long tube-type fluorescents or the compact fluorescent lamps that screw into standard light fixtures. They suggest turning fluorescent lamps off only when you won't need them for 15 to 20 minutes.

You also may have heard that switching off a fluorescent lamp doesn't save much energy because the savings are erased by a surge in current when it is first switched on. This isn't really true: there is indeed a startup surge, but it lasts only a fraction of a second and the energy consumption during this small time interval is negligible.

## Operating Statistics

For Month Ending:	August 2004	August 2005
Customers Billed	5,193	5,215
Kilowatt Hours Sold	4,827,426	5,214,019
Total Revenue	\$ 593,500	\$ 700,573
Purchased Power	\$ 346,584	\$ 407,896
Operating Expenses	\$ 187,199	\$ 168,000
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 44,341	\$ 42,102
Interest Expenses	\$ 24,437	\$ 34,058
Other Expenses	\$ 100	\$ 650
Operating Margins	\$ (9,161)	\$ 47,867
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 8,275	\$ 2,537
Total Margins	\$ (886)	\$ 50,404
Margins Year-to-Date	\$(63,306)	\$ 46,381

# Notice: Cold Weather Rule Begins November 1

The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) adopted a statewide, uniform Cold Weather Disconnection Rule on March 20, 1989, which governs termination or restoration of utility service when members are financially unable to pay utility bills from November 1 to March 31 annually.

Caney Valley Electric has adopted this Cold Weather Disconnection Rule with certain modifications to accommodate our members.

Cooperative members who are unable to pay their electric service bills during the cold weather period may qualify for this program, provided they fulfill certain good faith requirements when attempting to pay.

The requirements members must meet to qualify for the program are summarized below:

- Members must notify the cooperative and state their inability to pay their service bill in full.
- Members must apply to federal, state, local or other financial assistance programs for which they may be eligible to receive aid in paying utility bills.
- Members must make an initial minimum payment equal

to one-third of the total amount due the cooperative, which includes any arrearage. (Example: If a customer owed an arrearage of \$200 and a current bill of \$40, they would owe the cooperative a total of \$240. The initial payment under the Cold Weather Rule would be equal to \$240 divided by three, or \$80.

- Members will be required to enter a level payment plan agreement for past, current and future charges for electric service, with arrears paid in equal installments over the next two months. A member and the cooperative may negotiate other payment arrangements mutually agreeable, individualized to the member's situation, providing the most appropriate terms, after the member has been informed that he or she has at least two months in which to pay under the Cold Weather Plan.

- Members will be required to provide sufficient financial information to enable the cooperative to determine an appropriate payment agreement.

Please note that members may be ineligible for the benefits under the Cold Weather Disconnection Rule if they fail to follow the above

requirements, illegally divert utility service, and receive service by tampering as defined by KCC rules or default on a payment agreement.

During the cold weather period, your cooperative will do the following:

- Inform you of agencies or organizations which may provide financial assistance in paying utility bills;
- Not disconnect service until the member is personally contacted or a notice is posted on the member's premises the day before disconnection is to take place.
- In no event will the cooperative disconnect service if the temperature is forecast to fall below 30 degrees Fahrenheit within 24 hours following the time of disconnection.

The Cold Weather Rule is to ensure that human health and safety are not unreasonably endangered during the cold weather months.

## Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for November is \$.01897.

This calculates to an additional \$18.97 per 1,000 kilowatt hours sold.

## Outages for September 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 September:

Date	Area	Consumers Affected	Duration	Cause
9/13	Niotaze/Havana Area	300	2 hrs 30 min	Lightning
9/13	North of Havana	30	9 hrs 45 min	Tree In Line
9/13	Northwest of Cedar Vale	25	1 hr 45 min	Lightning
9/13	South of Grenola	25	2 hrs	Lightning
9/14	North of Cedar Vale	30	15 minutes	Scheduled Line Repairs
9/14	Northeast of Sedan	60	2 hrs 30 min	Lightning
9/15	East of Niotaze	50	1 hour	Reset OCR
9/18	South of Peru	25	1 hr 15 min.	Reset OCR
9/19	Northeast of Peru	20	1 hour	Reset Line Fuse
9/29	Southeast of Cedar Vale	40	45 minutes	Reset OCR