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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for May is \$0.00227/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional \$2.27 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours. The PCA was implemented in 2002 to cover only the increase (or decrease) in power costs (over and above 7¢/kWh) charged to us by our wholesale power supplier, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) in Topeka. The PCA varies each month depending on the wholesale charges from KEPCo, and is a flow-through on your electric bill.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Thank You for Attending

It was very gratifying to see the large turnout for the co-op's annual meeting on March 14. We value your interest, support and participation in the cooperative's operations.

Attending the annual meeting enables you to be a part of the core principles guiding the cooperative's governance by casting your vote for board trustees and any specific questions or proposals that may be considered.

By attending, you were able to visit with board members and employees regarding any matters about which you have questions, concerns or suggestions.

Reports on the cooperative's operations were presented by Board President Kenny Bates and myself. A summary of the meeting can be found on Page 16B.

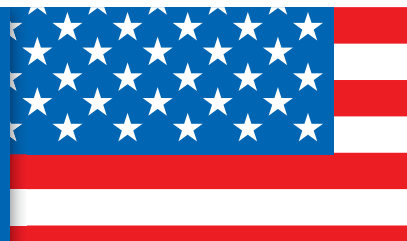
Allen A. Zadorozny, General Manager

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



AIR CONDITIONING TIP: Avoid placing items like lamps and TVs near your air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the A/C to run longer than necessary.
Source: energy.gov

**MEMORIAL
DAY** May 27
OFFICES CLOSED



2019 Annual Me



Nearly 440 members and guests gathered for the March 14 annual meeting at the Cedar Vale school gymnasium.

Caney Valley Electric held its 71st Annual Meeting Thursday, March 14, 2019, at the Cedar Vale school gymnasium. There were 324 members registered, and about 440 were served a hamburger meal by the Sedan Lions Club.

KENNY BATES, District 1 and **STEVE CLARK**, District 3 were re-elected to the Board of Trustees. Elected in District II was **STEPHANIE OLLENBORGER**, who replaced incumbent trustee Carl Johnson.

Special guests present included **MARK BARBEE**, Senior Vice President of Engineering and Operations with Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) in Topeka, and **BOB HALL**, Director of Finance with Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. also in Topeka.

Manager Allen Zadorozny announced that three students were selected to represent Caney Valley Electric at the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, this summer: **MARY LENITON**, Grenola; **NILE OSBURN**, Moline; and **REAGAN WARBURTON**, Cedar Vale.

Scholarship winners for the 2019-2020 school year were **BRADEN SNYDER**, Cedar Vale High School; **CLARK LOEWER**, Central of Burden; **JEANIE GAGE**, Dexter High School; **SHELBY HAMBLETON** and **JON WELLS**, Sedan High School; and **TIMOTHY WHETSTONE** and **LAURA WOODS**, West Elk High School. Each student will receive \$600 to help with tuition and other expenses.

ALAN HULL, Line Foreman, was recognized for

2019 CAMP WINNERS



Mary Leniton



Nile Osburn



Reagan Warburton

eting Highlights

his retirement after almost 39 years of dedicated service. A service award was presented to **BECKY WILLIAMS**, Technology Manager, for 35 years at the cooperative.

In his annual report, Zadorozny asked members to review the financial and operations reports provided in the annual meeting program. He said the large reduction in kilowatt-hour sales over the past four years resulted in significant loss of revenue. Due to the unpredictable sales of kilowatt-hours, the cooperative opted to increase the meter

customer charge to stabilize revenue requirements. He encouraged members to contact him in person or by phone to visit about any questions or concerns with the cooperative's operations.

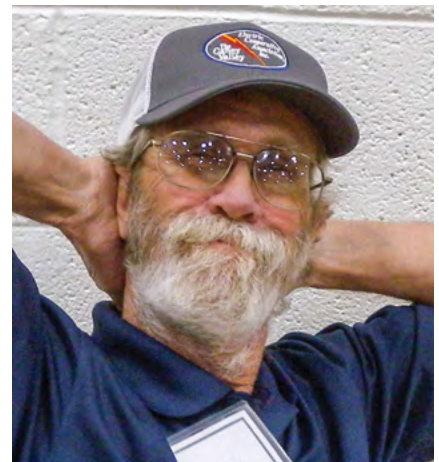
Numerous door prizes were given away during the meeting. Special thanks go to Border States, Baldwin Poles, Diversified, Poor Boy Tree Service, KEPCo and KSI Engineering for donating several of the prizes. **J.D. SANDERS** won the grand prize of a 39-inch Smart TV, and **MARION AND SHIRLEY REECE** won a 32-inch flat-screen TV.



Manager Zadorozny recognized all the scholarship winners. From left: Laura Woods, Timothy Whetstone, Jon Wells, Shelby Hambleton, Jeanie Gage, Clark Loewer and Braden Snyder.



Becky Williams, Technology Manager, was recognized for 35 years of service.



Alan Hull, Line Foreman, was recognized for his retirement after almost 39 years of service.

Medical Necessity Notification Policy

There are times that events—sometimes beyond the cooperative’s control—cause power outages. If your health or well-being depends on equipment that requires electricity, please contact us. We will do our best, in the event of an outage, to get power restored as quickly and safely as possible.

Caney Valley Electric keeps a record of residential service locations where life-sustaining electrical equipment is used. When planned outages or service interruptions for nonpayment are scheduled, we will attempt to communicate notice in advance so preparations can be made to be without power.

MEDICAL NECESSITY NOTIFICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE PRIORITY SERVICE RESTORATION, and member accounts with this designation are not exempt from planned interruptions. These designated accounts are also not exempt from their financial responsibilities or termination of service by Caney Valley Electric policies. Notifying Caney Valley of your situation does not guarantee uninterrupted electric service, nor does it ensure immediate attention to your service should the area experience a power outage. It does let us

know your specific needs and allows Caney Valley to communicate promptly with you.

Once you contact us and alert us of your situation, Caney Valley will designate your account as a Medical Necessity. You need to contact us so that we can be aware of your condition. In the event of a scheduled disconnection, we can make every effort to contact you so alternative arrangements can be made.

In addition to contacting the cooperative, we also offer these additional suggestions for your safety and strongly encourage you to implement them:

- ▶ Obtain a backup source of power recommended by the manufacturer of any life-sustaining or critical care equipment you may have in your home. For example, battery backups or standby generators can provide you with electric power if service from the cooperative is interrupted.
- ▶ Have a plan. Talk to relatives or friends and have places you can go in the event of a significant power outage.

You are important to us. Please call our office at 800-310-8911 or 620-758-2262 to notify Caney Valley Electric of any medical necessity needs.

Caney Valley's Operating Statistics		
For Month Ending	Feb. 2019	Feb. 2018
Meters Billed	5,317	5,385
kWh Purchased	5,472,731	5,410,194
Cost per kWh	0.06980	0.07839
kWh Sold	5,529,198	5,765,346
Total Revenue	\$ 739,555	\$ 791,129
Purchased Power	\$ 382,346	\$ 424,433
Operating Expenses	\$ 239,269	\$ 200,556
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 67,512	\$ 65,896
Interest Expenses	\$ 45,891	\$ 44,769
Other Expenses	\$ 100	\$ 300
Operating Margins	\$ 4,438	\$ 55,175
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 2,141	\$ 3,004
Total Margins	\$ 6,578	\$ 58,179
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ (30,597)	\$ 67

Statement of Nondiscrimination

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found online at www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html or at any USDA office, or call 866-632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter by mail to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20250-9410, by fax 202-690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

Outages for March 2019

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Following are the larger outages that occurred in March.

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
3/7	Caney sub - north circuit	305	25 min	Bad OCR
3/8	SW of Dexter	173	15 min	Westar had a broken pole
3/9	Chautauqua sub to Peru	45	30 min	Wires slapping together-high winds
3/16	Chautauqua sub to Peru	45	1 hr 15 min	Wires slapping together-high winds
3/19	Elk City area	58	2 hrs 35 min	Trees in line