



THE CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC CO-OP, INC.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for February is -\$0.05132/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to a subtraction of \$51.32 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 suppliers. The PCA varies each month depending on the wholesale costs, and is a flow-through on your electric bill.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Annual Meeting Planned for March 19



Make plans to attend the cooperative's annual meeting on Thursday, March 19, at the Cedar Vale school gymnasium. Cooperative members and their families can enjoy a light supper served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided during the supper and member registration process.

Registration favors, including an electric bill discount certificate, will be given away along with chances to win one of many prizes.

The meeting will include business reports about your cooperative's operations and financial condition.

A very important part of the meeting is the election of three trustees for the board. The board positions to be filled and the current members in these positions are as follows; two are eligible to be reelected:

- ▶ **DISTRICT 1, POSITION 2**
BARRY SPEER, Cedar Vale

- ▶ **DISTRICT 2, POSITION 2**

ALEX FULSOM, Howard

- ▶ **DISTRICT 3, POSITION 2**

NEW CANDIDATES NEEDED

DAN HUBERT, Sedan (not eligible for reelection due to term limits)

A board-appointed nominating committee will meet to nominate candidates for the new three-year positions. Also, any 15 or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than 20 days prior to the meeting, and the secretary shall post the same at the cooperative's office, where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The candidates will be considered for election at the meeting along with any members nominated from the floor at the meeting.

Mark your calendar today, and we hope to see you at the meeting!

ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY,
GENERAL MANAGER

**BOARD
POSITION 2
TO BE FILLED
IN EACH
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MEMBERS
SERVING ARE:**



BARRY SPEER
Cedar Vale
District 1



ALEX FULSOM
Howard
District 2



DAN HUBERT
Sedan
District 3

WINTER EMERGENCY KIT

Top Must-Haves For Your Emergency Kit

Be ready with at least three days of supplies and don't forget to stock your vehicles with a similar kit.

- ▶ Battery-powered radio
- ▶ Blankets, clothing and sturdy shoes
- ▶ Cash
- ▶ Cellphone and charger, power bank
- ▶ Flashlight and batteries
- ▶ First-aid kit
- ▶ Medications, medical equipment
- ▶ Non-perishable food and manual can opener
- ▶ Water: 1 gallon per person, per day

ADD TO YOUR VEHICLE KIT

- ▶ Canned and compressed air with sealant for emergency tire repair
- ▶ Extra coat, gloves and hat
- ▶ Emergency flares
- ▶ Jumper cables
- ▶ Sand bags or road salt
- ▶ Windshield scraper



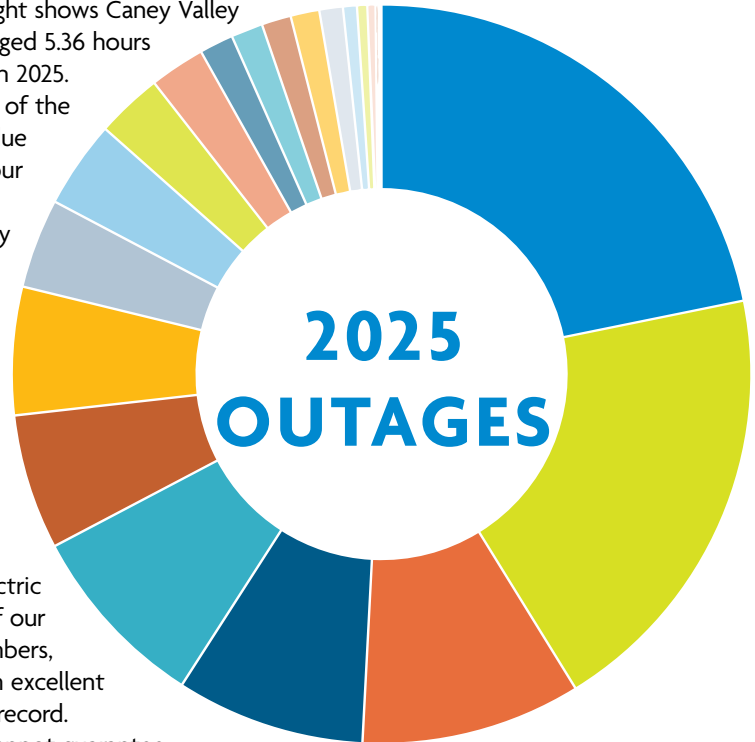
2025 Annual Outages

The graph at right shows Caney Valley members averaged 5.36 hours off per meter in 2025.

The majority of the outages were due to outages at our power supplier, followed closely by outages caused by lightning, which damaged our infrastructure.

Caney Valley Electric strives to provide reliable, continuous electric service to all of our consumer members, and we have an excellent and improving record. However, we cannot guarantee continuity of service 100% of the time, and some outages must be expected.

We intend to keep doing our best to prevent and reduce service interruptions to our members.



OUTAGE CAUSE	AVERAGE HOURS OFF
Power Supply	1.17
Lightning	1.04
Storm/Major Outage Event	0.52
Transm 69 kV	0.44
Other	0.44
Sectionalizing Line Fuse	0.32
Trees	0.30
Substation Equipment	0.21
Animals	0.21
Transformer, Fuse	0.16
Broken Jumper/Hotline Clamp	0.13

OUTAGE CAUSE	AVERAGE HOURS OFF
Lightning Arresters	0.08
Scheduled	0.07
OCR (Line Breaker Reset)	0.07
Fuse Failures	0.07
Secondary Conductor	0.06
On Consumer's Side	0.03
Accident	0.02
Transformer, Failure	0.02
Secondary Pole Breakers	0.01
Meter Failure	0.01

Wildfires and Controlled Pasture Burning

Wildfires and pasture burning can cause devastating damages to the cooperative's utility poles, resulting in service outages and extensive, costly line repairs. Caney Valley is asking assistance from the landowners to take measures to protect the poles.

Burning or scorching a pole compromises the integrity of the structure.

Power poles are treated with a protective coating that prevents moisture from entering the core of the pole and causing deterioration.

If a pole is scorched or blackened, the protective coating is damaged. Though it may appear as just a discoloration or slight burn, this is, in fact, damage to the pole. This will significantly shorten the life of a power pole. This pole may then become a hazard and could cause an outage.

Caney Valley reminds members to plan their burning before beginning. It is much cheaper to prevent a pole from catching fire than to pay for a new pole. Members will be held liable for the replacement cost of pole(s) and/or equipment due to fire damage. This cost may vary from \$1,000 to more than \$2,000, depending on the structure of the pole and equipment. It only takes a little extra



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Before burning, check the property for electrical equipment — like this padmount transformer — and power poles to avoid damage and potential outages.

effort to prevent pole damage and help control costs for you and your cooperative.

Burning of pastures and ditches does not have to result in the burning/scorching of power poles.

IF THERE ARE POWER POLES IN THE AREA TO BE BURNED, CLEAR THE VEGETATION/WEEDS AT LEAST FOUR FEET AROUND THE BASE OF THE POLE AND WET THE BASE OF THE POLE WITH WATER BEFORE BEGINNING TO BURN.

If the fire does get away from you and a pole becomes engulfed in flames, immediately call the fire department and Caney Valley Electric. **DO NOT SPRAY WATER CLOSE TO THE CONDUCTORS!** Water and electricity do not mix! This may cause a short circuit. You and/or the firefighters could be in the path of that current and serious injury or death may result.

Report any fire-damaged pole to Caney Valley Electric immediately. Not reporting the damage may lead to a serious accident later.

A pole that has been burned through is likely to fall over. This can leave the energized lines about a foot off the ground. If a person comes into contact with the line, they most likely will be seriously burned, or even killed. This carelessness could cost a life.

Space Heaters Cause Half of Winter Fires

As temperatures start to drop, many people turn to space heaters to add some extra warmth to their house. While space heaters are effective, they can be dangerous if proper safety measures are not taken.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, heating equipment is the leading cause of fires in homes, and nearly half of all home heating fires occur in December, January or February.

HERE ARE SOME SAFETY TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- ▶ Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. **DO NOT** use an extension cord or power strip, and **DO NOT** plug any other electrical devices into the same outlet as the heater.
- ▶ Place space heaters on a flat, level surface. Never place heaters on cabinets, tables or furniture. Never leave a space heater unattended.
- ▶ Inspect heaters for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections.



SMART TIPS FOR USING SPACE HEATERS

In 2022, space heaters accounted for 88% of deaths caused by home heating equipment.

To avoid a fire, space heaters should be kept at least 3 feet away from blankets, curtains, paper and other flammable materials.

SOURCE: WWW.SAFELECTRICITY.ORG

OUTAGES FOR DECEMBER 2025

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
12/09	Havana	6	40 mins	Animals
12/18	Cedar Vale Sub	200	2 hrs 35 mins	Substation Equipment
12/18	Havana	5	2 hrs 10 mins	Trees
12/19	Grenola	1	3 hrs 50 mins	Transformer (Fuse)
12/30	Peru	13	50 mins	Scheduled
12/30	Peru	2	4 hrs 45 mins	Scheduled
12/30	Southwest of Peru	1	27 hrs 30 mins	Transformer (Fuse)

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NOVEMBER 2025 OPERATING STATISTICS

For Month Ending	Nov. 2024	Nov. 2025	For Month Ending	Nov. 2024	Nov. 2025	For Month Ending	Nov. 2024	Nov. 2025
Meters Billed	5,185	5,130	Total Revenue	\$ 718,429	\$ 740,668	Other Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 100
kWh Purchased	4,371,587	4,597,011	Purchased Power	\$ 332,459	\$ 339,634	Operating Margins	\$ (28,383)	\$ 57,353
Cost Per kWh Purchased	0.07560	0.07388	Operating Expenses	\$ 294,654	\$ 219,793	Non-Operating Margins	\$ 2,903	\$ 3,215
kWh Sold	4,161,248	4,311,809	Depreciation Expenses	\$ 77,194	\$ 79,091	Total Working Margins	\$ (25,480)	\$ 60,568
			Interest Expenses	\$ 41,505	\$ 44,697	Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 82,086	\$ 1,497