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POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for June is $0.01027/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional $10.27 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 suppliers. The PCA varies each month depending on the wholesale costs and is a flow-through on your electric bill.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Growing Together: Caring for Trees and Keeping the Power On

There's something timeless about trees. They ground us. They remind us of where we've been, and they stretch toward what's ahead. Here in our community, we take pride in the natural beauty that surrounds us — the shade on a summer afternoon, the colors that mark the changing seasons, the quiet strength of something that grows slowly but endures.

At the same time, we share another responsibility — one that's just as essential to our daily lives. The responsibility to keep the lights on, to power our homes and businesses, to make sure that when you flip a switch, the energy you depend on is there.

That's why Caney Valley Electric works every day to strike a careful balance between preserving the beauty we cherish and delivering the reliable electricity you expect.

One of the most important ways we do that is through regular tree trimming.

Now, it may not always be obvious, but keeping lines clear of overgrown vegetation plays a major role in preventing power outages. We've all seen what can happen when severe weather rolls in — strong winds, heavy ice or sudden storms can bring down branches and, with them, power lines and poles. In fact, nearly half of all power outages can be traced to trees and vegetation coming into contact with electrical infrastructure.

That's why you may notice crews from Caney Valley Electric or our trusted contractors working in neighborhoods throughout the year. Our crews are highly trained and certified, following the latest industry standards to ensure the job is done safely and effectively. Their work might seem routine, but it's anything but — it's a proactive step that helps prevent problems before they start.

And it's not just good practice — it's required. Electric utilities across the country are obligated to manage

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How Extreme Summer Temperatures Impact Reliability

When outdoor temperatures soar, our electricity use increases. That's because our air conditioners are running longer and more often to counteract sweltering outdoor temperatures. Factor in that we all tend to use electricity at the same times — in the morning and early evenings — and that equals a lot of strain on our electric grid.

At Caney Valley Electric, we work closely with Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo), our local generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative in resource and infrastructure planning to ensure you have the power you need whenever you flip a switch, but the electric grid is much larger than your local co-op and G&T.

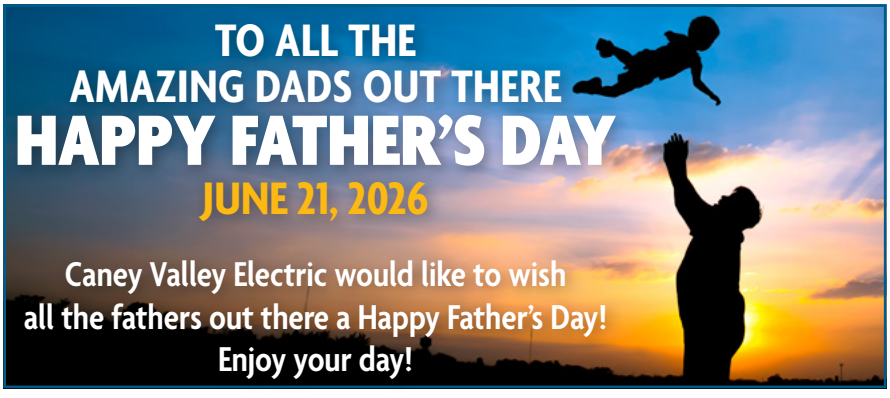
In summer months, when even more electricity is being used simultaneously across the country, it is possible for electricity demand to exceed supply, especially if a prolonged heat wave occurs. If this happens, which is rare, the grid operator for our region of the country, the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), may call on consumers to actively reduce their energy use or initiate rolling power outages to relieve pressure on the grid. Caney Valley Electric will always keep you informed about situations like this.

We work proactively with our G&T to create a resilient portion of the grid and ensure electric reliability in extreme weather, including regular system maintenance, grid modernization efforts and disaster response planning; but it takes everyone to keep the grid reliable.

To help keep the air conditioner running for you, your family and neighbors, here are a few things you can do to relieve pressure on the grid during times of extreme summer heat:

- Select the highest comfortable thermostat setting and turn it up several degrees whenever possible. Your cooling system must run longer to make up the difference between the thermostat temp and the outdoor temp.
  - **PRO TIP:** Seal air leaks around windows and exterior doors with caulk and weatherstripping. Air leaks and drafts force your cooling system to work harder than necessary.
- Run major appliances such as dishwashers, ovens and dryers during off-peak hours when the demand for electricity is lower.
  - **PRO TIP:** Start the dishwasher before you go to bed.
- Use ceiling fans to make yourself feel a few degrees cooler. Remember, ceiling fans cool people (not rooms), so turn them off in unoccupied rooms.
  - **PRO TIP:** During summer months, set ceiling fan blades to rotate counterclockwise, which pushes cool air down for a windchill effect.
- Close blinds, curtains and shades during the hottest part of the day to block unwanted heat gain from sunlight.
  - **PRO TIP:** Consider blackout curtains with thermal backing or reflective lining to block heat and light.
- Use smaller appliances, such as slow cookers, air fryers and toaster ovens to cook meals.
  - **PRO TIP:** Studies have shown that air fryers use about half the amount of electricity than a full-size oven. Air fryers are smaller and use focused heat, which results in faster cooking times, less heat output and lower energy use.

As we face the challenges posed by soaring summer temperatures, understanding the impact on energy demand is crucial for maintaining a reliable power supply. By adopting energy conservation practices during periods of extreme heat, not only can you save money on your electric bills, but you can also contribute to the resilience of the grid, keeping our local community cool and connected.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

During warm months, a smart thermostat can help keep your home comfortable while reducing cooling costs. Smart thermostats learn your routine and automatically raise the temperature when you're away and cool things down before you return. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher while you're away or asleep can lead to significant savings. Many smart thermostats provide reports and tips, helping you fine-tune your energy use and stay cool while keeping your electric bill in check. SOURCE: NRECA

Control Your Peak Usage

It's summertime, and once again we are asking you to participate in the "Peak Control" program. This voluntary program can help hold down the wholesale power costs incurred by the cooperative.

The peak demand for electricity recorded in July and August drives a major part of the wholesale power billing process for the eight off-peak months that follow, October through May. The lower the peak demand registered, the lower demand charges will be. Keeping the peak demand low in June and September is also important.

Please take time to review the key parts of Peak Control below. Call 620-758-2262 or 800-310-8911 if you have any questions. Thank you for your participation in this program.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT PEAK CONTROL

WHAT IS PEAK CONTROL?

Peak control is a voluntary program in which our cooperative members can participate to hold down electricity costs.

WHAT CAN MEMBERS DO TO PARTICIPATE IN PEAK CONTROL?

You can participate by voluntarily reducing your use of electric equipment and appliances which require larger amounts of electricity.

WHEN DO MEMBERS NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN PEAK CONTROL?

From 3-6 p.m. every weekday from June 1 through Sept. 30. The actual peak demand for June, July, August and September is the billing demand for each respective month. Special emphasis is placed during July and August, as the peak electricity demand registered by Caney Valley during those two months drives the electricity billings from our wholesale supplier for the following eight months, October through May. Be aware of days that have high temperatures forecasted above 90 degrees; these are the type of days when peak demands usually occur. Be especially careful when using large amounts of electricity on warm days.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TAKING PART IN PEAK CONTROL?

By helping hold the line for the kilowatt demand charges on Caney Valley's wholesale electric bill, you will also limit the amount of the resulting power cost adjustment (PCA) charges added to your electric bill.

Please contact our office for any questions you may have about the Peak Control program.

STAY COOL THIS SUMMER

without breaking the bank

Summer heat can strain both your comfort and your budget. As temperatures soar and energy demand peaks in the late afternoon and evening, it's time to take action.

7 COST-EFFECTIVE TIPS TO HELP LOWER ENERGY CONSUMPTION:

- Request a home energy audit from your local utility to reduce energy loss.
- Change your air filter regularly to help your HVAC system work efficiently.
- Increase your thermostat by 2 degrees and set it to a higher temperature when you're away.
- Install a smart or programmable thermostat for automatic temperature control.
- Run dryers, washers and dishwashers during off-peak hours in the early morning or late evening.
- Wash full loads of laundry in cold water. Detergent, not hot water, cleans the clothes.
- Reduce indoor heat by limiting cooking and the use of heat-producing appliances during the hottest parts of the day.

SOURCE: WWW.SAFEELECTRICITY.ORG

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vegetation near power lines. Scheduled trimming helps remove dead or weakened limbs and keeps fast-growing trees from becoming hazards. It's about staying one step ahead, especially as we prepare for the increasing frequency and intensity of severe weather events.

But beyond reliability and efficiency, there's another reason this work matters: safety.

Electricity is a powerful force, and when trees grow too close to power lines, that power can become dangerous. Branches that touch lines — or even come close — can carry electrical current. Children climbing trees in their own yards may not realize the risk. And during storms, fallen trees can create hazardous conditions not only for families but also for our lineworkers restoring service.

There's also a financial reality we can't ignore. Preventative maintenance — like tree trimming — is far more cost-effective than repairing widespread damage after an outage. Left unchecked, overgrown vegetation can lead to more frequent disruptions and higher costs for everyone. A thoughtful, strategic vegetation management program helps keep those costs down for our members.

You can help, too. When planting new trees, consider their mature height and distance from nearby power lines. Trees that grow up to 40 feet should be planted at least 25 feet away from overhead lines. Larger trees — those that exceed 40 feet — should be planted at least 50 feet away. If you're landscaping near pad-mounted transformers, keep shrubs at least 10 feet from the front and 4 feet from the sides to allow safe access.

If your neighborhood has underground lines, don't forget to call 811 before digging. It's a simple step that can prevent serious accidents.

At the end of the day, we all want the same thing: a community that's safe, resilient and beautiful. At Caney Valley Electric, we're proud to be part of that effort. Our roots run deep here, just like the trees we work to care for.

OUTAGES FOR APRIL 2026

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
4/1	South of Grenola	3	2 hrs 12 mins	Lightning
4/3	North of Havana	69	2 hrs 32 mins	Trees
4/7	North of Sedan	1	19 hrs 31 mins	Transformer
4/15	Southwest of Moline	2	5 hrs 54 mins	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
4/24	Northwest of Elgin	2	10 hrs 52 mins	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
4/25	West of Peru	6	1 day 13 hrs 36 mins	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
4/26	Northeast of Howard	201	2 hrs 12 mins	Transformer
4/27	Southwest of Moline	2	15 hrs 41 mins	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
4/29	Sedan	744	40 mins	Other

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MARCH 2026 OPERATING STATISTICS

For Month Ending	March 2025	March 2026
Meters Billed	5,184	5,078
kWh Purchased	4,714,642	4,862,965
Cost Per kWh Purchased	0.07553	0.07249
kWh Sold	5,497,933	4,432,494

For Month Ending	March 2025	March 2026
Total Revenue	$ 842,339	$ 764,083
Purchased Power	$ 357,008	$ 352,500
Operating Expenses	$ 291,320	$ 294,668
Depreciation Expenses	$ 77,738	$ 79,667
Interest Expenses	$ 5,033	$ 49,196

For Month Ending	March 2025	March 2026
Other Expenses	$ 1,472	$ 1,100
Operating Margins	$ 64,768	$ (50,225)
Non-Operating Margins	$ 33,203	$ 18,695
Total Working Margins	$ 97,971	$ (31,530)
Margins Year-to-Date	$ 45,739	$ $(155,775)