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POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for July is \$0.00560/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional \$5.60 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

Control Your Peak Usage

Did you know you can help your electric co-op by simply glancing at the clock? The key is adjusting when you're using power.

Electricity follows the basic economic laws of supply and demand — when a lot of people want something, it's expensive; when they don't, it's cheaper. Energy is more expensive during certain times of the day because more people are using it.

The role you play can be as simple as washing and drying your clothes a couple hours later than usual. Behind that statement, there's a story of a complex industry that's changing as fast as digital technology.

PEAK TIMES FOR POWER

As a co-op member, you and your neighbors own Caney Valley Electric. You help control the co-op power cost by adjusting the time of day you're demanding power. By helping reduce co-op power costs, you're also helping your neighbors reduce their power cost.

Paying attention to time of use can translate to real dollars. To understand that, it helps to go to the basics of time

of use, which involves the routines of our daily life.

Caney Valley Electric's wholesale power supplier, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo), pays more for electricity during the afternoon hours from 3-6 p.m. in two ways: either by having a power source there to make sure enough electricity is available, or by actually paying more to purchase electricity from another utility with excess power at the time. And those peaks in energy use get even higher when it's especially hot outside, as air conditioners use extra power. KEPCo must then charge Caney Valley the increased power price to cover the cost of electricity due to higher demand.

By being mindful of the peak control times, you will help limit the amount of power required at peak times and therefore lower the resulting power cost adjustment charges added to your electric bill.

Thank you for your participation.

ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY,
GENERAL MANAGER



10 Things You Might Not Know About Power Restoration

Have you ever watched a video or TV show where a person is cooking a meal, then suddenly, they snap their fingers, and the meal is plated and ready to eat? That's called a jump cut.

While we wish we could "jump cut" from a power outage to power restoration, it can often take a lot more effort and people to make it happen.

We are accustomed to members' questions about power outages and why it can take time to get the lights back on. Given our reliance on electricity, there's simply never a good time to be without it.

We would like to shed light on our restoration process to help our members understand what may be happening behind the scenes. Here are 10 things you might not know about restoration:

1 WE NEED YOU. When your power goes out, it might be just at your home or small section of a neighborhood. There is a chance we may not know about it, and no one has reported it. We rely on you to let us know if your power is out.

2 OUR EMPLOYEES MIGHT BE AFFECTED TOO. Because Caney Valley Electric is a local electric cooperative owned by the members we serve, our employees are local too. They are your neighbors, friends and familiar community volunteers. When you're without power, our people might be too.

3 IT'S A TEAM EFFORT. Every one of our employees are working to get your power restored as soon as possible. Our member services representatives are taking your calls, our outside crews are surveying damage and clearing hazards, and dispatchers are organizing crews. When your power goes out, we all work together as quickly and safely as possible to get you back to normal.

4 WE ASSESS THE SITUATION FIRST. Every outage is different, and we don't know how dangerous it is or what equipment might need to be replaced. When responding to outages, we first need to see what happened, then figure out what materials we need and a plan for how to fix the problem(s) without compromising electric flow for the rest of our members.

5 RESTORATION IS NORMALLY PRIORITIZED BY THE LARGEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS WE CAN GET BACK ON IN THE SHORTEST AMOUNT OF TIME. Our crews focus on responding first to public safety issues and critical services like hospitals. Then we complete work that impacts the largest number of people first.

COMMON CAUSES OF POWER OUTAGES

There is never a good time for a power outage, but if it happens on a sunny day you may wonder why. Here are the most common causes of a power outage.

WEATHER

High winds, snow and ice can cause tree limbs to fall on power lines. Other weather effects, like wildfires and lightning strikes, can cause major damage to equipment.

CRITTERS

Squirrels, birds, snakes and other animals can inadvertently contact power lines, causing short circuits and disruptions to electrical supply.

ACCIDENTS

Vehicles can crash into utility poles, bringing down power lines. Construction and excavation work can also result in disruptions to underground lines.

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

Occasionally, we plan outages to perform upgrades or repairs to parts of the local grid.

6 OUR EMPLOYEES FACE MANY DANGERS.

Besides working around high voltage electricity, our crews are on alert for wild animals, weather elements, falling trees and fast-moving cars. (If you ever drive past one of our vehicles, please do so slowly.)

7 FLICKERING LIGHTS ARE A GOOD THING.

Some folks mistake flickering lights for outages, but these “blinks” are important because they indicate our equipment worked and prevented a possible outage likely caused by wayward animals or stray tree limbs on the lines.

8 YOU NEED A BACKUP PLAN.

We do our best to help those who need it, but if you depend on electricity for life support purposes, you must have a back-up plan — remember, we don’t always know how long restoration efforts will take. If you’re unsure what to do, call us so we can help you prepare an emergency location.

9 OUR EMPLOYEES HAVE TO PLAN, AND EAT.

If you ever see our trucks in a restaurant parking lot while your power is out, know that sometimes our employees huddle in a safe, common area to map out their plan for getting your power back on. Also, our crews work long, hard hours during outages and need to take time for meals just like everyone else.

10 SOMETIMES IT’S A WAITING GAME.

Our portion of the power grid is connected to other electric utilities, and we maintain positive relationships with power providers interconnected to our system. If our outage is due to an issue from their feed into our system, we must let them do their repairs and be mindful of what they’re going through to fix it.

We do our best to avoid power disruptions, but they are inevitable from time to time. If the lights go out, know that your co-op team is working as quickly and safely as possible to restore power. If you experience an outage, please let us know by calling our office and reporting it. If it is after hours, you will be routed to our dispatchers, and they will contact our on-call crew.

Fill-in-the-Blank: Fireworks Safety Tips

Holidays like the Fourth of July and other celebrations can be fun times with great memories. But everyone should practice safety near fireworks. Read the safety tips below, then fill in the blanks with the correct answer in the word bank.



WORD BANK

Sparklers

Ignited

Pets

Display

Minimum

1

The best way to stay safe is to never use fireworks at home. Instead, attend a public _____ and leave fireworks to the pros.

2

Watch fireworks from a _____ of 500 feet away from where they are launched.

3

Never touch or pick up pieces of fireworks or duds as they may still be _____ or could explode at any time.

4

Remember, _____ are not toys and can reach 2,000 degrees F. Use glow sticks instead.

5

Think about _____ when fireworks are nearby. It’s best to leave them indoors to reduce the risk of them running away or being injured.

ANSWER KEY: 1. Display 2. Minimum 3. Ignited 4. Sparklers 5. Pets

Electrical Safety Around Water

Prevent shocks around pools, hot tubs, and spas before they happen.

- ▶ Check power line clearance with an electrician or your utility when installing pools, spas, and structures like diving boards, and have utilities marked before digging.
- ▶ Use a qualified electrician for any new pool, hot tub or spa wiring.
- ▶ Have an electrician show you how to shut off all power in an emergency and make sure the shut-off switch is labeled.
- ▶ Schedule periodic electrical inspections and upgrades for your equipment.
- ▶ Use covered outdoor outlets.
- ▶ Make sure outlets are GFCI-protected and tested monthly.
- ▶ Keep cords away from water. Don't use extension cords for pool equipment.
- ▶ Replace cracked outlet covers, frayed cords, loose plugs or damaged equipment.
- ▶ Choose battery-operated and waterproof TVs, radios and speakers.
- ▶ Don't handle phones, tablets, laptops or charging cords when you're wet, and keep them away from pools, spas and sinks.

KNOW THE RISKS: WET SKIN+WET SURFACES= INCREASED RISK WHEN ELECTRICITY IS PRESENT.

WARNING SIGNS OF SHOCK IN THE WATER:

- ▶ Tingling sensation.
- ▶ Muscle cramps.
- ▶ Restricted movement.

IF YOU SUSPECT ELECTRICAL SHOCK:

- ▶ Turn off all power immediately.
- ▶ Do NOT enter the water to rescue anyone.
- ▶ Use a non-conductive rescue tool (such as fiberglass).
- ▶ Call 911.

IF YOU FEEL A SHOCK IN THE WATER, MOVE AWAY FROM THE SOURCE AND GET OUT.

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OUTAGES FOR MAY 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
5/2	Wayside Area	16	12 hrs 45 mins	OCR
5/4	West of Elgin	2	10 hrs 12 mins	Transformer (fuse)
5/4	South of Sedan	4	9 hrs 10 mins	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
5/4	South of Chautauqua	7	9 hrs 42 min	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
5/5	East of Tisdale	14	50 mins	Trees
5/8	West of Hale	1	2 days 15 hrs 53 mins	Transformer (fuse)
5/10	West of Cedar Vale	17	1 hr 12 min	Animals
5/17	North of Howard	1	15 hrs 56 mins	Trees
5/19	North of Elk Falls	4	2 hrs	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
5/19	North of Chautauqua	2	7 hrs 49 mins	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
5/19	Hewins Area	12	2 hrs 9 mins	Trees
5/22	East of Maple City	13	1 hr 34 mins	Lighting Arresters
5/24	South of Grenola	1	16 hrs 57 mins	Transformer (fuse)
5/26	South of Cedar Vale	2	17 hrs 17 mins	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
5/28	North of Sedan	1	16 hrs 21 mins	On Consumer's Side/Consumer's Equipment

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APRIL 2026 OPERATING STATISTICS

For Month Ending	April 2025	April 2026	For Month Ending	April 2025	April 2026	For Month Ending	April 2025	April 2026
Meters Billed	5,186	5,074	Total Revenue	\$ 719,612	\$ 804,163	Other Expenses	\$ 125	\$ -
kWh Purchased	4,244,729	4,237,306	Purchased Power	\$ 350,051	\$ 336,849	Operating Margins	\$ (27,337)	\$ 70,919
Cost Per kWh Purchased	0.08201	0.07954	Operating Expenses	\$ 273,643	\$ 272,720	Non-Operating Margins	\$ 2,770	\$ 2,589
kWh Sold	4,380,863	4,504,027	Depreciation Expenses	\$ 77,723	\$ 79,742	Total Working Margins	\$ (24,567)	\$ 73,508
			Interest Expenses	\$ 45,408	\$ 43,932	Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 21,173	\$ (82,266)