

ELECTRALITE



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SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING

Co-op Taxes Support Area Schools

Although co-ops don't pay income tax, we do pay a 2-percent gross receipts tax. It is in lieu of ad-valorem, sales, and other excise taxes. The gross receipt tax is then distributed by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to area school districts based on the miles of co-op power lines within the district.

In 2012 CVEC paid \$1,064,068.65 in gross receipt taxes. That amount, coupled with the \$440,083.22 paid by WFEC, totaled over \$1,504,151 paid to area schools.

The accompanying chart details the taxes paid to each school district in CVEC's service territory.

Cleveland		
Little Axe	CVEC	\$491.92
	WFEC	20,021.54
Creek		
Gypsy	CVEC	55.34
Hughes		
Calvin	CVEC	4.10
Dustin	CVEC	22,265.71
	WFEC	16,855.91
Holdenville	CVEC	30,880.53
Moss	CVEC	6,540.54
	WFEC	5,180.11
Wetumka	CVEC	58,770.58
	WFEC	8,242.95
Lincoln		
Chandler	CVEC	5,780.11
Davenport	CVEC	5,544.39
Meeker	CVEC	49,436.32
	WFEC	19,507.64
Prague	CVEC	100,065.55
	WFEC	43,270.36
Stroud	CVEC	3,718.13
Wellston	CVEC	15,530.45
White Rock	CVEC	32,011.96
	WFEC	1,171.69
McIntosh		
Checotah	CVEC	350.50
Eufaula	CVEC	40,380.82
	WFEC	61.67
Hanna	CVEC	28,051.97
	WFEC	24,543.85

Okfuskee		
Bearden	CVEC	\$14,146.92
	WFEC	26,044.44
Boley	CVEC	3,789.86
	WFEC	8,510.18
Graham	CVEC	1,002.30
Mason	CVEC	8,274.57
Paden	CVEC	43,705.40
	WFEC	12,045.81
Weleetka	CVEC	4,062.47
	WFEC	19,980.42
Oklahoma		
Harrah	CVEC	23,134.78
	WFEC	1,068.91
Luther	CVEC	932.61
Pottawatomie		
Asher	CVEC	23,704.59
Bethel	CVEC	25,332.04
	WFEC	23,269.38
Dale	CVEC	17,055.42
	WFEC	17,410.93
Earlsboro	CVEC	34,285.06
Grove	CVEC	6,663.52
Macomb	CVEC	35,147.97
	WFEC	22,919.93
Maud	CVEC	21,367.95
	WFEC	37,083.01
McLoud	CVEC	23,343.85
N. Rock Creek	CVEC	30,050.41
	WFEC	17,369.81
Pleasant Grove	CVEC	207.02
Shawnee	CVEC	1,311.80
S. Rock Creek	CVEC	12,574.81
Tecumseh	CVEC	46,117.88
	WFEC	31,964.57
Wanette	CVEC	58,290.95
Seminole		
Bowlegs	CVEC	12,845.37
	WFEC	11,182.46
Butner	CVEC	803.48
	WFEC	29,333.40
Justice	CVEC	5,085.27
Koriawa	CVEC	40,747.71
	WFEC	6,475.14
New Lima	CVEC	13,952.20
	WFEC	12,498.04
Pleasant Grove	CVEC	13,042.14
Sasakwa	CVEC	59,588.40
Seminole	CVEC	14,651.14
Strother	CVEC	36,777.47
	WFEC	14,101.41
Varnum	CVEC	25,178.31
	WFEC	9,969.66
Wewoka	CVEC	7,016.07
TOTAL		\$1,504,151.87

By George

This electrical capacity and energy we deliver to our customers is provided by Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), a generation and transmission cooperative providing electricity to 19 rural electric distribution cooperatives in the state, covering about 3/4 of rural Oklahoma. WFEC has a diversified electric generation resource mix comprised of coal, natural gas, wind, hydro and purchased power.

Today most, if not all, electric utilities understand the desirability of a diversified electric generating fleet. This helps control price volatility and, to a degree, enhances reliability. Diversity is also a hedge against the current 'flavor' of government regulation. Today in Oklahoma, we have several large coal-fired generating plants owned by the electric cooperatives including WFEC, a quasi-state agency (GRDA) and the investor-owned utilities (OG&E and PSO.) I believe all of these coal plants in Oklahoma were built in the 1970s because the Federal government mandated that no more natural gas-fired electric generating plants be built, and the existing gas-fired plants would have to be shut down in the future. In response to what was the 'law of the land,' the Fuel Use Act, electric utilities in Oklahoma and elsewhere began rebuilding their electric generating plants to meet their utility responsibilities in the future. In Oklahoma and elsewhere electric generating utilities built large coal-fired plants to replace these 'banned' gas-fired generators. These replacement coal-fired plants cost about four times as much to build as the gas-fired generators had cost.

But the law was clear. By the early 1980s expensive excess generating capacity was everywhere. And about that time we 'discovered' that maybe the

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ELECTRALITE

P.O. Box 751 Seminole, Okla.
Serving Hughes, Lincoln, McIntosh,
Okfuskee, Pottawatomie, Seminole
and portions of Oklahoma,
Cleveland and Creek counties

Main Office and Headquarters

Interstate 40 at the Prague/Seminole Exit

Area Office

35 W. JC Watts Street, Eufaula

Office Hours

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday

Board of Trustees

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Telephone Numbers

Seminole	(405) 382-3680
Shawnee, Tecumseh, Earsboro	(405) 273-4680
Eufaula	(918) 689-3232
Toll-free	(877) 382-3680

In Case of Trouble

1. Check for blown fuse or tripped circuit breakers.
2. Check with your neighbors. Ask if their electricity is off and if they have reported it.
3. If not call the office and report the trouble.

	<u>Read</u>	<u>Billing date</u>	
Cycle 1	26th-31st	5th	1-1/2% penalty is
Cycle 2	6th-11th	15th	applied 20 days
Cycle 3	16th-21st	25th	after billing date

Operating Statistics for January

	2012	2013
Operating Revenues	\$5,300,662	\$5,697,013
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,667,297	\$3,817,129
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	69.19	67.00
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$1,024.28	\$1,097.48
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.57	4.59
KW Peak Demand - This month	141,488	146,172
Billing kW demand	115,112	109,236
KW Peak Demand - YTD	141,488	146,172
KWh Purchased - This month	71,055,450	73,501,920
Taxes Paid	\$106,857	\$109,428
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$191,519	\$180,517
System Load Factor	67.5	67.6

New Services Staked in February

During the month of February 22 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2013 is 48. This compares to 79 for the same period in 2012.

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country was not running out of natural gas. Congress relaxed the pressure to shut down the existing natural gas-fired generating plants. Later Congress, in the face of reality, removed the prohibition of building new natural gas-fired generating plants. But the damage to the consumers, businesses and the economy had been done. Electric rates to consumers and businesses doubled as utilities had to service the debt on these new duplicative, excess and un-needed generating plants. The cost burden on consumers and businesses of this mistake lasted for the better part of two decades as the economy grew to need this prematurely capacity.

Now while customers are still paying for those 'government mandated' coal-fired plants built in the 1970s and early 1980s, it appears that through regulation the Federal government will once again step in through 'central planning' and change the rules after the fact and dump more costs on consumers and the economy. Surely, we can learn from the recent history in our lifetimes of the results in other countries and types of governments the folly of central planning by an all controlling government regulatory bureaucracy.

We must realize that regulations have a cumulative cost and eventually the consumer will rebel or just give up. We should be especially concerned when we have a government bureaucracy that can generate new regulations faster than the electric utility industry can build new electric generating plants. And much faster than the consumer and the economy can absorb the cost.



FOUNDATION, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/31/13....	\$186,905.47
DEPOSITS.....	7,925.59
INTEREST INCOME	8.98
CHECKS ISSUED	-4,999.87
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	5,475.00
BALANCE 2/28/13.....	\$184,365.17

Find Your Hidden Account Number and Win \$25

If you find your account number hidden in this issue of The Electralite, you could win \$25.

In order to win, the account number must be your own.

You need to report finding the number to us by the 15th of the month.

And you need to report finding it by phone, mail or in person. Good luck!

Rules for Reconnecting CVEC Nonpayment Accounts

Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. will reconnect nonpayment accounts between the hours of 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any payment and request to be reconnected received after 7 p.m. will be scheduled for the following business day. The business hours reconnect charge of \$25 applies to calls received from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The after hours reconnect charge of \$50 applies to calls received after 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Questions regarding this procedure may be directed to the CVEC Customer Service Department.

Oklahoma Corporation
Commission Rules for
Electric Utilities
OAC 165:35-21-31

Reconnection of Service

(a) A utility shall reconnect service upon the consumer's request as soon as the reason for disconnection of service has been eliminated. The utility shall give precedence to reconnection of service when disconnection was the fault of the utility; the utility shall reconnect service in the normal course of its reconnection workload, as soon as possible but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the consumer eliminates the reason for disconnection and requests reconnection, when disconnection of service was the fault of the consumer. If the reason for disconnection is unauthorized use of electricity accomplished through bypassing the utility's measuring equipment or tampering with the wires, pipes, meters, or other utility equipment, the utility may, prior to reconnecting service, require a reasonable payment for estimated service rendered or may refuse to reconnect service until ordered by the Commission.

A utility may require payment of a reconnection charge when 1105081300 mdisconnection of service was the fault of the consumer, if such a charge is provided in the utility's tariffs.

(b) When the disconnection of service was for nonpayment of service and disconnection took place on a Friday morning, service shall be restored as soon as possible, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours from when the consumer eliminates the reason for disconnection and requests reconnection, subject to an intervening Act of God.

(c) When a disconnection for nonpayment of service has occurred immediately preceding periods of severe weather as described in OAC 165:35-21-10(c), the utility shall reconnect service as soon as possible but no later than twenty-four (24) hours, subject to an intervening Act of God, upon receipt of one of the following:

(A) Payment of the past due bill for which service was disconnected.

(B) A life-threatening certificate from the consumer pursuant to OAC 165:35-21-10.

(C) Guarantee by a federal, state, or local social service agency that payment will be made directly to the utility.

(D) Reconnection or continuance of service under this Section shall not in any way relieve the consumer of the consumer's liability incurred for service.

Two Convenient Ways to Pay Your Electric Bill

The Average Monthly Payment (AMP) plan and the Automatic Bank Check (ABC) plan are designed to help you with your monthly budgeting and to make paying your electric bill more convenient.

The AMP plan averages your energy usage over 12 months, then allows you to pay that amount each month. This eliminates the yearly roller coaster of high and low bills. Your account is re-evaluated monthly to determine if the AMP amount should be reduced, increased, or if it should remain the same. The total billing over the long term remains the same. Only the amount of the individual bills will be averaged. To be eligible, you must have an active account for 12 months and the account must have a zero balance.

The ABC program charges your checking account for your electric bill 10 days after your account is billed. It makes paying your electric bill convenient because there is no writing checks, no stamps to buy and no remembering to pay your bill.

These two plans work great together and enrollment is easy. For more information, contact CVEC's customer service department.

Important Information for Members Dependent on Life Support

Canadian Valley Electric continually updates its listing of members who are dependent on dialysis machines, respirators, or other life support equipment that operates electrically in their homes. If you, or someone living in your home, uses such life saving devices, please complete the following information and return it to CVEC at P.O. Box 751, Seminole, OK 74818.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Account No. _____ Phone No. _____

Type of Support Equipment: _____

Time of Use: _____ or Hours Per Day _____

Time Used During Day: _____ to _____

Other Use: _____

Can Equipment Be Manually Operated?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you have a Back-up Electric Generator?

Yes _____ No _____

CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Trading Center Classifieds

Each CVEC member family is limited to ONE free classified ad per month. The form below must be used. The length of the ad cannot exceed three lines on the form. Ads run only one time. Area codes are not used unless outside the 405 area.

All INFORMATION BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED

Name _____

Address _____

Account # _____ Phone # _____

Classified must be received by the 5th of the month to appear in the following edition of The Electra-Lite.

Automobiles

Ranger XLT, s/c, \$1,785; '96 Dodge 1500, s/c, \$1,950; '06 Chevy HHR, needs work, \$1,950, 598-0932.

1973 El Camino, restored to original show condition, NADA price \$10,197 OBO, 279-3582.

1996 Ford F250 4 WD, diesel power stroke, super cab, 157K miles, 788-7073.

2003 Cadillac DeVille, red, 165K miles, \$7,000, 374-2870.

1966 El Camino, no motor, 3-spd. std. transmission, good title, \$2,000 cash, 598-1717, 598-1174.

Farm

New 1/2" Pittsburg torque wr, \$25, 454-2046.

Snapper Rider, 28", \$400, 245-6810.

16' cat. trailer, \$975; 8', 12' & 16' utility trailer, 20' hay trailer for rd. bales, \$785, 598-0932.

3 pt. posthole digger, 12" & 9" auger, \$400; 10 HP Lincoln welder/Gen. trailer, propane cutting torch & hose, \$1,800, 567-5241.

John Deere tractor 650, 4 attachments, used one season, \$4,500 firm, 964-2959, 964-4217.

3 pt. straight blade, 5' swivels, \$130, 454-0510.

1974 John Deere tractor w/ loader & bale spike & roll top,

\$11,500; 140F metal slip forms, \$6,250, 221-0353.

Tan 3-horse slant trailer w/ escape door, new tires, pt. mats, lites, rock guards, \$4,500 firm, 452-3267.

Sears garden tractor w/ attachments, \$300, 273-0817.

Paul's cattle scales, 1,600 lbs., w/cage, gates, ramps, \$1,000, 820-7489.

Heavy steel 3/8" thick pipe 10 O.D., 3-20', 2-6', total 72', welded or make great tin horns, will sell separately, \$600, 830-1928.

500-gal. propane tank, \$500, 279-3897.

Miscellaneous

Professional KitchenAid electric mixer, restaurant-quality, \$275, 214-0622.

Firestone tire, P235/75/R15, 6-ply, good tread, \$20, 3 pairs of tire chains, \$30 for all; 2 repair books for Volkswagon '79-'90, Yamaha '87-'96, 382-5045.

Fall wedding reception tablecloths - 12 rectangle, 7 round, artificial flowers & leaves, glass for candles, \$200, 273-3651.

Dominoes, \$8/set, 598-6711.

Plate glass mirror, 42"x48", \$35; 7' 100" tall heavy white drapes, 544" total width, \$35, 279-2616.

Will haul away any unwanted scrap metal, car batteries or major appliances w/ 10-mile

radius of Shwnee for free, 609-4365.

Swimming pool slide, diving board, cover, pump & filter, rails, \$1,200; ET/8 treadmill, \$200, 245-6810.

Antiques, collectibles, vintage & glassware items, big old rollout desk & much more, 878-0180.

HearthRite 30K BTU heater, \$99; Holmes oil-filled heater, \$28; Holmes heater w/fan, \$12, 788-7073.

3-tier round table, \$150; over 100-year-old wicker table, \$150; old cookie jar, \$25; CB radios & parts, \$25, 454-2046.

Swam & bee removal, 432-9352.

Electric stove \$100; Maytag washer & dryer, \$200; ice box, \$100; gas stove, \$100, 275-3419.

Panasonic 40" projection TV, 46" high wood cabinet w/ doors, 273-2249.

Sterling silverware service for 12, tarnish proof, \$200; water softener, \$50; hand-made afghan, \$125, 575-398-1785.

Meeker High School year-books, 1st grade through 12th grade, '69-'78, \$40, 273-1845.

Pro-form treadmill, speed & distance, used very little, \$85, OBO, 382-2520.

16' rabbit cage, 5 compartments \$15, 454-0510.

New AR-15 Windom Weap-

ony (Bushmaster), never fired, chrome-lined barrel, all parts made in USA, lifetime transferable warranty, w/manual clip, sling, & case, 500 rounds .223 REM included, \$2,395, 408-2720.

7 vending machines (extra parts & changers) \$500 OBO, 279-3946.

Pets/Livestock

Delaware chickens, raw Alpaca fleece, all colors, farm fresh eggs, \$2.50/doz., 567-2404.

Half Blue Heeler & half Cocker Spaniel, very cute & healthy, born 3rd week of Feb., \$15 ea., 570-4503.

Good 1-year-old Angus bull, 1 gray Brahman heifer, \$600, 9-year-old red roan AQHA gelding, 99% foundation breed, \$1,000, 580-925-2436.

6 pure-bred Black Angus heifers, 12-15 mos., vaccinated for Black Leg/Lepto., \$1,100 ea., 275-4432, 863-6228.

Angus bulls/reg. Limousin bulls & heifers, blk. polled, gentle, 474-2018, 279-3398.

Reg. Limousin bulls & heifers, blk. polled, gentle Limflex - Homozygous top genetics, 517-3824, 279-3398.

Donkeys - 1 Jack, 5 Jennys (1 foal), canine friendly & gentle, want calf or pigs, OBO, 918-866-2552.

Pygmy goats, brown Aquoi buck, de-budded, shots, wormed, tame, DOB 12/24/12 \$75; 2 & 1/2-year-old buck, \$65; buckling born (2/17/13), doe (2/23/13, \$55-70, 306-1459.

Farm-raised pure-bred Angus bulls, 12-14 mos. old, 275-0689.

Roosters, \$2 ea., 598-6716.

Real Estate

50 acres, 3 BDR, 2 BA brick house, barn, shop, play house, fenced, great well, S. Pottawatomie Co., close to amenities, great hunting, stocked ponds, 580-925-2140.

2 BDR, 1 BA house, very clean, remodeled, garage, cellar, Tecumseh, \$53,500 OBO, 202-7608, 808-1939.

1 acre lot near the Illinois River, gated community, golf, hiking, restaurant, \$2,500 OBO, 390-2571.

6-room frame house, to be moved, \$8,000, 567-2815.

15 acres, 1 pond, 3 BDR,

RV/Marine

2 BA, 1,700 sq. ft. home, & 3 BDR, 2 BA mobile home, \$90,000, 382-0589.

1987 Ford Escaper motor home, new carpet & tires, runs good, \$6,500, 761-1132.

14' camper w/AC & new refrigerator, \$950 OBO, 279-3817.

Pop-up camper, power lift, 3-way refrigerator, queen bed each end, 740-7968, 740-7069.

1990 Prowler 24' 5th-wheel w/attachment, queen bed plus 2 other beds, fully contained, very good condition, \$3,500, 487-0116.

1992 Cobra Sandpiper 5th-wheel travel trailer, \$5,000 OBO, 401-4094.

Leave Electrical Work to the Pros

Even the handiest do-it-yourselfers know it's not safe to repair their own electricity.

Your best bet: Spring for a licensed, qualified electrician when your home's electricity or electric appliances are on the fritz.

Even if you turn your electricity off at the circuit breaker box, it's not necessarily safe to work on your home's plugs and wiring. The Electrical Safety Foundation International also recommends:

- Study your panel's circuit breakers or fuses so you will know which one controls each switch, light and outlet.

- Suit up in safety goggles and gloves before touching electrical components.

- Triple-check that you have turned off the right circuits before you start any work. It's easy to flip the wrong switch by accident.

- Make 100 percent sure the circuit cannot be accidentally turned back on while you are working. Let everyone in the house know the breaker box is off limits until you say otherwise.