

Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Oklahoma Relief Fund Helps CVEC Members Through Operation Round-Up

By George



Sid Sperry (left) director of public relations, communications and research for the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, presents a check to CVEC Foundation President Charles Annanders. The check is from the Touchstone Energy Cooperative Oklahoma Relief Fund which has received over \$390,000 in donations from across the country. The fund is sharing those donations with co-ops whose members were victims of the May tornadoes.

Cooperatives were born out of a common need and founded on the ideals of social responsibility and self-help. So it should come as no surprise to learn electric co-op families from across the nation, including employees, members, and corporate businesses like statewide associations, distribution and generation and transmission co-ops, as well as financiers, are providing financial assistance to Oklahomans in the wake of the May tornado outbreak. More than \$390,000 has been donated to the Touchstone Energy Cooperative Oklahoma Relief Fund so far, and money continues to arrive daily.

“Cooperative people never cease to amaze me,” said George Hand, CVEC General Manager. “The cooperative principle of ‘Cooperation among Cooperatives’ rings most true during disaster, and this fund is tangible evidence of that unity.”

More than \$43,000 has been entrusted to the CVEC Foundation board to aid people in the cooperative’s service area and is earmarked for tornado relief. Additionally, employees of Canadian Valley Electric contributed \$2,500 to this relief fund.

At the May meeting of our board of trustees, the trustees approved a Construction Work Plan (CWP) for Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative to meet the needs of our membership for the next four years (2013-2016). This plan was prepared by the consulting firm of C.H. Guernsey, Consulting Engineers. This CWP sets forth new electric facilities, upgrades of existing electric facilities and replacement of unreliable or inadequate facilities that will need to occur during the next four years to allow the cooperative to provide safe and reliable electric service to existing customer/members, as well as the addition of an expected 1,848 new customers over the next four years. The CWP calls for the necessary investment of nearly \$25 million in our utility system to meet the demand for electric service that our members will place on the system. This does not include the cost of any new transmission facilities or substations. It also does not include the cost of trucks and equipment required to keep the Cooperative operating.

This is not new. Five years ago we went through the same process of evaluating our electric system to determine what new facilities and replacements would be required. We have, for the most part, completed that plan and are now looking to the future. As long as the number of our customers and their electrical demands continue to grow, and poles reach the end of their useful lives, it will be our responsibility to anticipate, plan and maintain our electric distribution system in the proper condition to do its job. To satisfy our mortgage holders – Rural Utilities Service, National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation and CoBank – we must maintain

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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 May

	2012	2013
Operating Revenues	\$4,867,588	\$4,720,761
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,256,442	\$3,429,401
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	66.90	72.65
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$939.87	\$909.06
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.59	4.60
KW Peak Demand - This month	134,274	123,040
Billing kW demand	115,112	109,236
KW Peak Demand - YTD	160,468	146,172
KWh Purchased - This month	61,244,140	57,478,670
Taxes Paid	\$86,860	\$92,444
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$188,480	\$188,281
System Load Factor	61.3	62.8

New Services Staked in June

During the month of June 23 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2013 is 195. This compares to 206 for the same period in 2012.

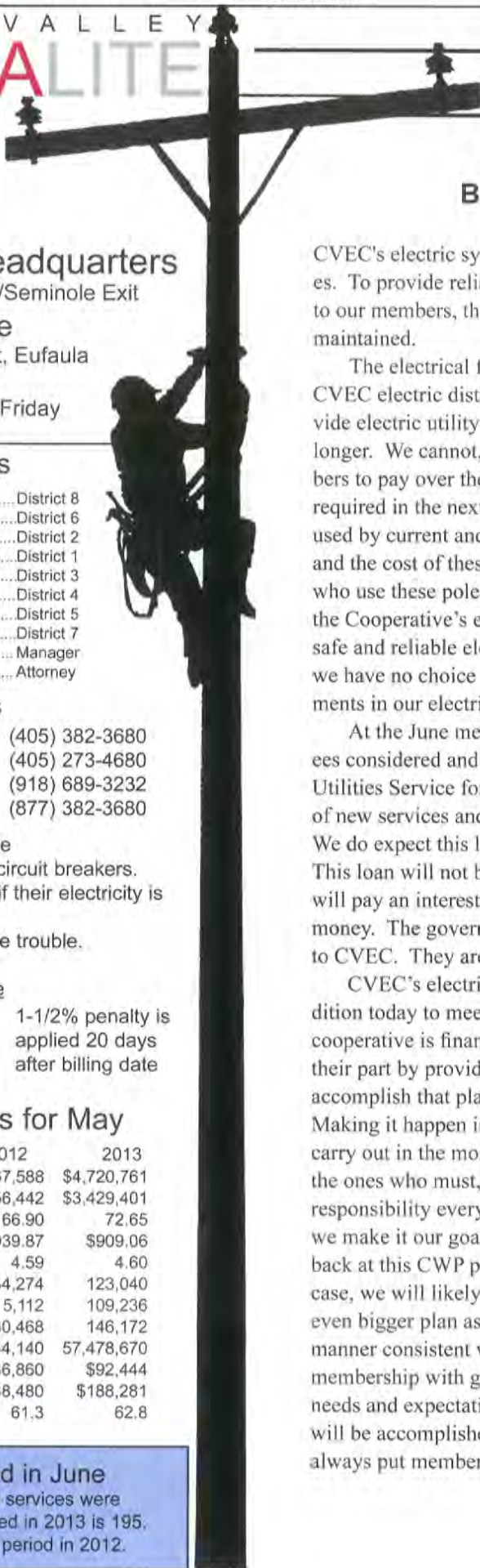
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CVEC's electric system according to prudent utility practices. To provide reliable and safe electric distribution service to our members, the electrical system must be continually maintained.

The electrical facilities required to be added to the CVEC electric distribution system are expected to provide electric utility service to our members for 35 years or longer. We cannot, would not, and will not ask our members to pay over the next four years for these new facilities required in the next four years. These new facilities will be used by current and future customers over the next 35 years and the cost of these facilities will be paid by the customers who use these poles, lines, meters and transformers through the Cooperative's electric rates. If we are going to provide safe and reliable electric utility service (stay in business), we have no choice except to make these required investments in our electrical distribution system.

At the June meeting of the board of trustees, the trustees considered and approved a loan application to the Rural Utilities Service for \$22.2 million to finance construction of new services and facilities required in the new CWP. We do expect this loan will be approved by RUS this year. This loan will not be at a subsidized rate. The cooperative will pay an interest rate above the government's cost of money. The government will make money from this loan to CVEC. They are making money on our loans today.

CVEC's electric distribution system is in good condition today to meet its utility responsibilities, and the cooperative is financially strong. Our trustees have done their part by providing a plan and the financial means to accomplish that plan for the cooperative and its members. Making it happen is now the employees' responsibility to carry out in the most efficient and effective manner. We are the ones who must, as a group and individually, accept this responsibility everyday to make this plan a success. Today we make it our goal to be able four years from now to look back at this CWP plan and say, "Well done." If that is the case, we will likely be afforded the opportunity to tackle an even bigger plan as the cooperative continues to grow in a manner consistent with meeting the needs of an ever larger membership with greater expectations. Meeting the service needs and expectations will always be our purpose. That will be accomplished by employees who work smart and always put members first. We pledge to do so.



Make Plans Now to Attend
CVEC's

74th Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 14, 2013

Shawnee Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center
U.S. Hwy. 177 & Independence St.

Events include a health fair and live music!
**Be sure to register your attendance and receive
a FREE CVEC cap and registration gift**

You will also be eligible to receive one of numerous door prizes!

Registration - 10 a.m.

Lunch - 11 a.m.

Additional lunch tickets are available for \$5.

Business Meeting - 1 p.m.

Enjoy the benefits of Co-op Ownership!

Turn Off Computer When Not in Use

It takes less energy to switch your home computer on and off, even several times a day, than it does to let it run while nobody's using it.

To save energy—and some money—make use of your computer's "sleep mode" and power management features.

Here are some general rules for energy-efficient computer use:

- Turn off the monitor if the computer will sit unused for more than 20 minutes.
- Switch the whole thing off if you'll walk away from it for more than two hours.
- Plug all monitors, printers, scanners, routers and other accessories into a good-quality surge protector so you can turn them all off by flipping a single switch.
- If your computer has a "sleep" mode, you probably have to manually set your computer to use it. The feature will power down your computer once it senses no activity for an extended time. Energy Star estimates that sleep mode can save you up to \$30 a year on your electric bill.

Relief Fund Helps CVEC Members

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The eight-member Foundation board, which operates through CVEC's Operation Round-Up program, will meet and evaluate requests for assistance from tornado victims.

Through Operation Round-Up members allow CVEC to round up their monthly electric bills to the next highest dollar. That surplus amount, which totals about \$6 a year, is then placed into a separate fund and is administered by the CVEC Foundation

board, which is comprised of persons within the co-op's service territory. The board members review applications from members needing assistance and disburse funds they feel will best help the applicants.

Charles Annanders, president of the board, says "unlike government agencies and many nonprofit organizations, we aren't bound by strict funding guidelines or hindered by red tape, which allows us to help with unique needs other agencies

might not be able to fund. Each person's needs and circumstances are different and as we've done for the last 15 years, we'll carefully consider each request on its own merit."

"We will do all we can to help our neighbors pick up the pieces, rebuild, and move on with their lives" Annanders said.

For information on the CVEC Foundation or to obtain an application for assistance through 1006240700 Operation Round-Up, visit www.canadianvalley.org or contact Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative at 405-273-4680.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOUNDATION, INC.	BEGINNING BALANCE 5/31/13.....	\$183,695.34
	DEPOSITS.....	44,540.43
	INTEREST INCOME	68.48
	CHECKS ISSUED	-954.12
	APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-9,393.99
	BALANCE 6/30/13.....	\$217,956.14

CVEC Foundation administers and disburses funds collected through CVEC's Operation Round-Up Program.

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!

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

1999 Alero, Mazda 626, 1992 Mercedes, 6 cyl., 1990 Galant, 598-3540.

1995 Chevrolet S-10, ext. cab, 4 cyl., new motor, 273-1979.

1994 Buick LeSabre, good condition, \$2,200 OBO, 567-7921.

2005 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT quad, low miles, \$11,950, 306-9615.

1992 Ford F-150 s/c, std., 6 cyl., \$475; 1972 Chevy 350, 2-ton, \$295, 598-0932.

1988 Silverado, 350 engine, good body, engine & transmission need work or use for parts, \$400 OBO, 382-3788.

1979 Lincoln Town Car, good body, new tires & spare, runs, makes noise, \$1,000 OBO, 382-9995, 816-1645.

1965 black Mercedes Benz, red leather seats, 598-1202.

2008 Pontiac G-6, \$8,000, 379-6822.

Farm

1979 Allis Chalmers model 185 tractor, 2,300 working hours of operation; John Deere brush hog, 3-pt., 9' side delivery rake, 567-5784, 567-7818.

2008 Mahindra 4530 4-WD tractor w/loader, bucket, 370 hrs., spike, \$16,300 OBO, 240-2883.

MTD rototiller, 5.5 hp., front lines, Briggs, \$100; 15-gal. electric yard sprayer w/new 12-volt battery, \$50; 2'x15.5' tinhorn, \$90, 454-0510.

Extra tall bumper-pull horse trailer, \$2,500, 505-6447.

Farmall cub tractor belly mower & cultivator set, \$2,000, 567-0277.

320 OTC Farmtrac tractor w/front-end loader, less than 100 hrs., brush hog, 500 & 1,000-gal. propane tanks, 598-1832.

1973 Kubota garden tractor, 21 hp., 2-cycle diesel, older brush hog, good tires, runs/starts great, \$2,400, 417-9256.

New Snapper zero-turn, 46" cut, \$3,000, 379-6822.

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

Jacobs 3,000-Watt wind generators, 24-36-48 volts, 10 amps, 777-3663.

WW 2-horse trailer, good condition, \$800 OBO; burning barrel, \$10 ea., 567-7921.

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

Caterpillar D3B good chains & blade, maybe other

Miscellaneous

Irises - Assorted colors, named & un-named, 50¢ to \$3 ea., 598-8103.

220-volt AC, \$100; Whirlpool washer & dryer, \$200; gas cook stove, \$100, 275-3419.

FREE - Winter onion seed, used 2x8s, 273-0817.

Diamond ring, 1.33-ct., high grade stones, 1/4-ct. center w/7 stones around 18K gold, wide filigree band, open cut, specially made by local jeweler, 273-5877.

Small, square bales of prairie hay, \$6/bale, 598-5860.

Empty wine bottles, \$1 ea., 279-3607.

Two sets of kids helmets, jerseys, pants, gloves, motorcycle boots, size 3, \$50 ea., 273-7176.

Buy, sell & repair clocks, 513-2986.

Metal roll-up shop door, 10' wide x 12' tall, \$100, 918-344-6982.

#5 Marshal pottery crock pot, \$40; #40 Dazey churn, made in the 1800s, \$100; museum-grade hand-operated washing machine, \$1,000, 454-2046.

Pink Panther movies, \$3 ea., 598-1202.

New shower stall, \$50, 279-3638.

Mint postage stamps & new stamped envelopes, 25% discount from purchase cost, 382-2520.

Looking for childhood friend Judy Brame Augustas from Holdenville, 386-5274.

Nice used furniture, 2 dining tables w/chairs, dresser w/mirror, desk, Hargus custom-built conference desk, 620-6160.

Medium-lift recliner, 1-year-old, earth-tone color, very good condition, 273-3846.

La-Z-Boy recliner, good condition, complete trundle beds, \$50-\$100-\$250; antique chest of drawers w/mirror, 390-2571.

Local honey, limited supply, 432-9352.

Brown lift chair, good condition, paid \$750, will take \$250, 964-2377.

Pets/Livestock

Pure-bred Bichon Frise puppies, male, 3-year-old, 1-year-old, 19, 13, & 12-week olds, \$150-\$250, 214-7857.

Pair of Silkie white doves & cage, \$25., 273-1845.

AKC Siberian Husky puppies, \$850-\$1,050; HC Wolf-hybrid females, \$100 ea., 796-0899.

One-year-old 1/2 Blue Heeler, 1/2 Border Collie, male, \$50, 240-7750.

Polled Hereford cattle, highly efficient cows, bulls, & heifers, \$1,000-\$2,000, 598-1920.

Female Pygmy goat, loves children, Bar Rock roosters, 380-8378.

FREE - Male Guinea, 273-0817.

Alpacas, yarn, rugs, 202-9967.

Real Estate

1.25-acre lots, owner finance, no down, \$125/mo., 590-6776.

Ten acres cleared & fenced w/pond, 40'x60'x12' insulated metal bldg, w/20' sheds, single-wide mobile home, well water, Bethel Acres, \$99,000, 223-6650, 996-6316.

2001 Palm Harbor 3 BDR, 16'x80' mobile home, dishwasher, stove, great condition, \$22,000 OBO, 664-8445.

Log home, 2,500 sq. ft., built in '82, 1,500 sq. ft. storage upstairs, 5 acres, \$165,000; more land available at \$1,500/ac., 580-210-8011.

Hobbits, fairytale cottage houses, \$5,000 to be moved

off property, 598-1202.

Trailer house, 14'x60', 3 BDR, handicap accessible, you pay to move, \$13,500, 488-4512.

RV/Marine

Really nice white fiberglass camper shell, 70"x80", 344-6982.

2002 Fleetwood Pride, 29' 5th wheel, 16' slideout, fully contained, many extras, excellent condition, price reduced \$1,500, 481-7172.

2007 Honda VTX motorcycle, 1 owner, new tires, Mustang seat, Kuryakyn grips/levers, hyper-charger, chrome fork covers, sissy bar, luggage rack, Cobra pipes, saddlebag brace, quick disconnect windshield, 14K miles, \$6,000, 567-9294.

Sportsman 5th wheel travel trailer w/hitch, kept inside barn, \$6,000, 964-2569.

Wellcraft 18' tri-hull boat w/115 hp Chrysler out-board motor, \$1,900 OBO, 273-0817.

1998 5th wheel, sleeps 8, clean kitchen equipment, \$6,900, 964-2748.

1998 Snobird 35' RKBG 5th wheel, 2005 Chevy 3500 truck, \$18,000/both, 918-490-1567.

Services

Will remove bees, swarm; we do not kill them, 323-0033.

FREE - Haul away unwanted appliances, scrap metal, car batteries, w/ 15 mile radius of Shawnee, 609-4365.

Wanted

Electric golf cart in good condition, 240-4438.

Nice queen size pillow-top mattress & box springs, 765-2410.

1955-1957 Chevy or a 1962-1972 Chevy Nova, 918-689-6969.

Watch for more information on your Annual Meeting in the September issue of *The ElectraLite*