

Electricity Remains a Good Value

In today's world, you won't find many items costing less than \$5. You can purchase a gallon of milk, a gallon of gas or a Big Mac® meal from McDonald's. But did you know an average day's worth of electricity costs less than \$5?

Even in our country's shifting energy climate, electricity remains a good value. In fact, electricity has the lowest cost per day of any of the items listed above. And not all of those items are necessary for daily life!

Think about your daily necessities (electricity and gasoline, to name a couple), and then think about the cost of the special treats we allow ourselves to purchase on a weekly basis (maybe even on a daily basis for some items!). We don't often question the cost of a Big Mac® meal – it costs over \$1 more to buy a Big Mac® meal than it does to purchase a day's worth of power. And

yet, we frequently become upset if our electricity rates rise.

It makes sense; we have become increasingly reliant upon electricity. Electricity has, for many of us, gone from a luxury commodity to a necessity and an expectation. We expect the lights to come on when we flip the switch, and we expect our power to stay on during the best and worst conditions. How else would we keep our food fresh, our homes cool in the summer or warm in the winter? It is easy to cut a Big Mac® out of your spending routine here and there to save a few dollars. But we cannot simply cut electricity out of our budgets if times get tough or we decide that we want to scale back our spending in order to save.

It is nearly impossible for us to think about what our lives would be like if we did not have electricity. If at times it doesn't seem that electricity is affordable, remember – even as the demand for electricity grows – annual cost increases still remain low, especially when compared to other consumer goods such as medical care, education, gasoline and, yes, even Big Macs®. Electricity is still a great bargain. And also remember, your local electric cooperative is committed to making sure you and your family always have safe, reliable and affordable electric service in your home.

So the next time you crave a Big Mac®, remember your electric bill, and think about what a great deal you're getting for your dollar!

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Talks of the potential consolidation between Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative and Central Rural Electric Cooperative continue between the two boards.

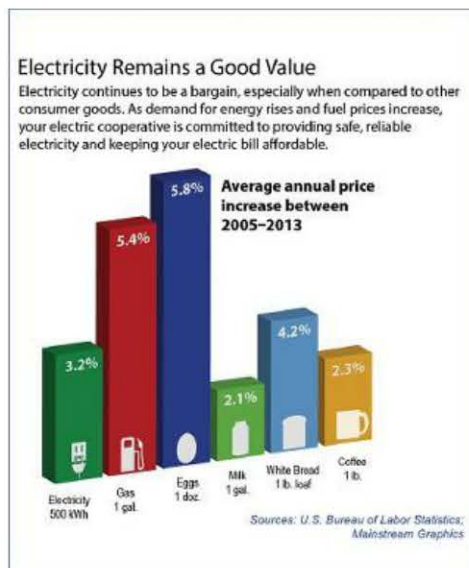
Continue to visit <http://www.BuildingOurEnergyFutureTogether.com> for more information on the consolidation. Submit questions on the consolidation to editor@crec.coop. Questions and answers will be added to the website. More information will be presented at the aware meetings.

Also, follow, engage and participate in social media conversations on Facebook and Twitter by using #BOEFT to learn more about the two cooperatives and the possible consolidation.

By George

Depending on timing this may be the last "By George" column in the Electra-Lite. This is not a promise but a very likely possibility. I have penned a monthly By George column for more than 40 years after originally being directed to do so by my first boss at my first job out of college with an electric cooperative. My first boss said just write what you think about the cooperative and how it might concern the members. During my first month on the job you can imagine how little I knew about electric cooperatives. I know about twice as much now. So that is what I did monthly for the 6 ½ years I worked there. When I moved to my second job with an electric cooperative, I kept doing the same thing

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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.

Read Billing date

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 October

	2013	2014
Operating Revenues	\$4,495,324	\$5,305,765
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,346,809	\$3,969,314
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	74.45	74.81
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$864.49	\$1,016.82
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.61	4.65
KW Peak Demand - This month	118,976	131,706
Billing kW demand	109,236	109,675
KW Peak Demand - YTD	151,092	184,404
KWh Purchased - This month	54,396,310	58,460,080
Taxes Paid	\$96,596	\$104,873
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$183,584	\$186,348
System Load Factor	61.5	59.7

New Services Staked in November

During the month of November 30 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2014 is 415. This compares to 382 for the same period in 2013.

By George


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monthly there for another 6 ½ years. After that I received the opportunity to come home to Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative. For the last 30 years I have been writing a monthly “By George” column in the Electra-Lite. Out of 300-plus monthly columns, I hope you found one or two interesting. It has been an enjoyable task.

I have often written about my mother who is 88 years old and barely able to get around, but still lives independently. We don't know about next year, but she made a garden this year supplying us with okra, tomatoes and dill beans. The sweet corn hasn't done too well the last few years. She is, and always has been, an absolute saint. She worked at manual labor, often 20 hours a day, making sure her five boys always had food and clothing. This is not an exaggeration. She did nothing for herself, actually working night and day for the well-being of her sons. Still today she is looking for ways to do something for her boys. And she does, through prayer for each one and their families every day. I am blessed to still have her to visit at least twice a week and take her to church on Sunday when she feels like it. She is a saint and I honor her.

It has been a guiding purpose of the electric cooperative program to be able make electricity available to everyone, including people like my mother, at a price they can afford. As the requirements of providing electric service become more complex, regulations placed on electric utilities increase and the expectations of electric customers grows, the cost of making an electric cooperative successful goes far beyond poles, wires and transformers. These

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 10/31/14.....	\$206,924.59
DEPOSITS.....	8,132.18
INTEREST INCOME	11.33
CHECKS ISSUED	-5,798.44
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-3,083.23
BALANCE 11/30/14.....	\$206,186.43

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

By George

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changes will all add to overhead costs that are being unnecessarily duplicated by every utility. New technologies will chip away at our market share forcing us to search out new revenue streams to offset the growing cost of providing electric service and likely diminishing sales associated with each customer and our core business. We must be not only ready, but looking ahead to make changes that will allow us to operate more efficiently and reliably as we take on the challenges that are most certainly ahead of us in the future.

The electric cooperative program is not going away. But just like when the cooperatives started more than 75 years ago, the support of the member/owners will be required if we truly are to remain a servant to all. Change cannot be avoided if co-ops are to survive. Continuing to do things like we have always done them will not be a plan for 1002440404 success or even survival in the new world of the future. Forty-three years ago when I started working in the cooperative program, most electric cooperatives didn't have computers. Many didn't for several years after that. I have been allowed to see just a glimpse of the electrical technology of

Assistance with Electric Bills

The Department of Human Services (DHS), as well as American Indian tribes and other agencies, offer assistance to eligible CVEC members who may be having trouble paying their electric bills. Below is a list of DHS offices in our service territory.

Lincoln County

2020 E. 1st St.
Chandler, OK 74834
(405) 258-6800

McIntosh County

Hwy. 69 & Hospital Rd.
P. O. Box 231
Eufaula, OK 74432
(918) 689-1200

Creek County

17 S. Elm
Sapulpa, OK 74066
(918) 746-3300

Oklahoma County

9901 SE 29th
Midwest City, OK 73130
(405) 739-8000

Seminole County

206 E. 2nd
P. O. Box 1518
Wewoka, OK 74884
(405) 257-7400

Hughes County

801 Kingsberry
Holdenville, OK 74848
(405) 379-7231

Pottawatomie County

1400 N. Kennedy
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 878-4000
(800) 270-0793

Okfuskee County

119 S. First
Okemah, OK 74859
(918) 623-3100
(918) 623-1363

the future; it will be great, but it will cost money.

As I retire, I plan to continue to be a bill-paying member of the cooperative. I just want reliable service and a monthly electric bill that my wife and I (42 years and on our way to forever together) can afford to pay. I have been blessed to work for you.

Find Your 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!

In order to help members understand their monthly statements, CVEC publishes its rate schedule. These schedules are on file with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Consumers are divided into classes based on the size and consumption of the service. The following is a summary of each class and the rate charged.

CVEC RATE SCHEDULE

Rate	Class	Minimum customer charge	KWH Charge (+PCA)	
A (2)	Res. 1-phase	\$22.50/mo	Summer Season (April-Oct.)	Winter Season (Nov.-March)
B (4)	Res. 3-phase	\$28.50/mo	All KWH .0846	All KWH .0746
E (10)	Small Comm. 1-phase	\$29.00/mo	All KWH .0846	All KWH .0746
F (12)	Small Comm. 3-phase	\$39.00/mo	All KWH .0933	All KWH .0853
			All KWH .0933	All KWH .0853

Large Power Rates available upon request.

- Security Mercury Vapor Light (MVL) equals \$8.65 (PCA on 70 KWH).

- Lights High Pressure Sodium (HPS) light equals \$8.65 (PCA on 40 KWH).

+2% Gross Receipts Tax added to monthly bill Power Cost

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

2001 Chevy pickup, ext. cab, tool box, new tires, 41K miles, one owner, like new, 273-4703.

2001 Camaro SS, leather interior, Corvette engine, 80K miles, \$9,000, 395-2962.

Farm

Rear-tine CRT tiller 400, used 3-4 hrs. \$250, 712-1116.

Dodge Ram steel truck bed, 14' car hauler trailer, 631-1505.

16'x6' all-steel stock trailer, 4' sides, needs floor, 398-4623.

5th wheel hitch w/brake control, \$300; Mantis tiller/cultivator, \$40; Aladdin portable kerosene heater, \$40, 598-5286.

5' straight blade, 3 pt. adjusts to angles, like new, \$200, 454-0510.

2010 New Holland T1520 diesel tractor, 4x4, 35 HP, 127 hrs., front-end loader, 5' Rhino rotary cutter, \$13,500, 382-1444.

VW Beetle body parts, reasonable; lite-duty A-frame w/hand winch, 200-5974.

TD 30 Ferguson, runs, needs work, all tires good, great fixer-upper, \$1,200, 264-7708.

2004 Kubota L3400DT tractor w/loader-box blade, diesel, 4-wheel drive, 85 hrs., \$14,800, 777-0056.

Miscellaneous

Lane 2 recliner, love seat, burgundy material, almost 1 yr. old, \$300, 863-3419.

2013 Whirlpool top-load eco-friendly washer, used very little, extra lg. tub, lots of settings, \$350, 383-2231.

Two lg. fiberglass dog houses, \$20 ea.; 3'x2'x2' metal dog cage, \$30; 3 pt., tandem disk aeriator, \$150, 454-0510.

1880 horse-drawn road grader, in good condition, make offer, (918) 490-2223.

Queen headboard w/mirror, night lights, jewelry boxes, wedding ring, size 8.5, 598-1202.

Oak firewood, \$60/rick, 279-2008.

Two plots Resthaven Cemetery, 61 D, 3 & 4, Garden of Prayer, \$3,000, (918) 781-2187.

Two pairs of chaps - XL & L, \$50 ea.; 2 helmets w/cordless head phones, \$150 ea.; call after 6 p.m. 964-3149.

Men's bicycle w/2 cycle motor, like new, 343-2323.

Set of clothes line poles, \$45; chain saw, \$65; swing set, \$45, 878-6697.

Small bales of Bermuda/native grass mix hay, \$3.75/bale, 343-1327.

Kenmore washer & dryer, \$200; gas LP dryer, \$125; apt. gas cook stove, \$100, 275-3419.

Two pet cages for any small animals, 4' wide, 4' tall, 2' from front to back, each door, 802-4415.

Invacare electric wheelchair, \$500; tow bar, \$150, 618-2880.

Pendulum clock, needs work, also an electric clock, 374-2516.

Four-poster bed, queen size, w/mattress & box springs, \$100, 964-3149.

Square bales of prairie hay, \$4 ea.; round bales prairie hay, \$35, 598-5860.

Marlin .22-Mag rifle, model 882-N, \$300; 1964 UNC half-dollars \$15 ea.; H&R 12 ga. single-shot \$75, 964-4141.

Coleman camp stoves, choice, \$25; Brownie 3-piece microcomputer set, \$30; ridged 2" pipe cutter, \$25, 454-2046.

16" Abetta saddle, red and black w/bridle, 16' stock trailer, best offer, 650-3738.

White ice box, freezer on top, \$500, (918) 759-1111.

24" LP gas log set, \$200, 279-2656.

Real Estate

3.35 acres, NW corner Hwy. 9 & Gaddy Rd., Tecumseh, excellent bldg. site, some restrictions, 273-0115.

2.5 acres on Whispering Oaks Dr., N. of Jacktown, off Hwy. 177, \$13,000 or OBO, 279-3638.

2 lots 2.5 acres, Lakemont Shores near Grand Lake, 1 lot, 1.5 acres by the Illinois River, 390-2571.

Tiny house ready to move into, fridge, stove, microwave, washer & dryer hook-up, move off property, \$2,000 cash, 598-1202.

RV/Marine

2013 Bass Tracker 175 Pro Team 17' boat w/60 HP Mercury 4-cycle motor, ex. condition, loaded w/custom cover, \$10,500, 289-3377.

1997 Suntracker 27' pontoon boat, 90 ELHP Mariner, runs great, ex. condition, \$7,000 OBO, 664-8445.

2009 Rockwood Roo hybrid camper, refrigerator, hot water tank, gas/electric, awning, shower, 740-7969.

Services

Will haul away for free unwanted major appliances, scrap metal, car batteries w/ in 15 mile radius of Shawnee, 609-4365.

Lawn mowing, tree trims, brush hog, blade box, clean up, 274-6330.

Welding, carports, barns, sheds, fences, bricklaying, rock, block, repairs & new, 496-4662.

Wanted

Wick applicator (weed wiper), pull type, 567-3685.

5 New Year's Resolutions to Help Your Home Run Smoother

This year, make New Year's resolutions that not only are easy to keep, but benefit your home and your family in a big way. Here are five to consider:

1. Clean every appliance in your house. Your refrigerator's coils can get dusty and clogged, which makes

it work harder—and that's an unnecessary waste of energy. The inside of your microwave oven should be spotless; if it's not, the machine is using energy to "cook" leftover food particles that nobody's going to eat. Even your dishwasher and washing machine need cleaning—inside and out—to prevent mold and clogs.

2. Snake your clothes dryer's vent. Do this at least twice a year to rid it of lint and debris, which can catch on fire it clogs the vent and prevents airflow.

3. Clear the area around your water heater and your outdoor air conditioning unit. Appliances give off heat and take in air. If you've got boxes, suitcases, Christmas decorations or plants stacked up against them, they can't do their jobs efficiently.

4. Have your heating and air conditioning systems checked out by an HVAC professional, who can tell you if they need repairs. Ask the tech to check your filters and change them if they're clogged with dust.

5. Change the batteries in all of your home's smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. If you don't have those devices, move this item to the top of your list of resolutions and install them today.