

Leading Change...Together



George Hand, Yates Adcock and Brandy Wreath address a group of CREC members at a recent meeting. CVEC members will have the opportunity to attend meetings to learn more about the consolidation in coming months.

Understanding reasoning helps put things into perspective. Since the boards of trustees of Central Rural Electric Cooperative and Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative announced in September 2013 a potential consolidation between the two coopera-

tives, members have been trying to put things into perspective.

Gary McCune, CREC board president shared the quote, "We believe you have to be in position to find success." The boards of trustees of CREC and CVEC believe that during a time of

rapid change in the energy industry, the consolidation will position both cooperatives for success and allow them to "Build Our Energy Future Together." At its roots, this consolidation is about the cooperative leadership's responsibility to confront the challenges and issues threatening our financial security and reliability of service. It is about our commitment to the cooperative purpose of empowering lives and communities and ensuring you have the best quality of life possible. Finally, it is about our accountability to providing solutions focused on increasing member value.

"A cooperative has always been a group of individuals who pool their resources and come together for the good of a large group," said Yates Adcock, CVEC board president. "Leadership is really important. You have to have confidence in leaders, and they have to have a servant heart."

The electric industry is changing, and industry leaders believe there will be more changes in the next decade than in the last century. If CREC and CVEC are going to face these challenges, the cooperatives must explore what the new utility will look like and not be afraid to be bold and different.

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By George

Isn't technology wonderful? I think. My cell phone which is not two years old (still under contract) is already three versions behind the latest and greatest. I guess that is ok since I haven't mastered most of what it can do. I don't even have an idea of all it can do. Even Siri gets put out with me when I ask for her help. While it's not for me yet, even the Dick Tracy wrist phones are now avail-

able for anyone who "needs" one. What would Alexander Graham Bell think of his phone system if he came back today? It is hard to believe that he would even recognize it as his creation. Obviously it's not.

A lot of people would likely say Thomas Edison would easily recognize the electric system of today as his own – still stuck in the last century. But the technology is beginning to change and once these changes begin to be implemented, we should expect rapid deployment as customers' expectations will no

longer be quenched by just having the lights come on when it gets dark. For years it has been poles, wires, transformers and meters. That's all you needed to deliver electricity and satisfy customers. When the pole broke, the conductor fell down, or the transformer burned out, the utility sent a lineman out to fix the problem and restore electric power on the line. For more and more people their expectations are higher than that. Many are irritated at the first blink and irate by

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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 February

	2013	2014
Operating Revenues	\$4,248,207	\$5,278,324
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,518,617	\$4,563,871
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	82.82	86.46
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$818.38	\$1,014.28
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.59	4.61
KW Peak Demand - This month	142,252	182,888
Billing kW demand	109,236	109,675
KW Peak Demand - YTD	146,172	182,888
KWh Purchased - This month	64,470,320	74,421,380
Taxes Paid	\$97,835	\$114,545
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$162,420	\$163,167
System Load Factor	67.4	60.6

New Services Staked in March


During the month of March 28 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2014 is 90. This compares to 85 for the same period in 2013.

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the third. Businesses that thrive are those that do the best job of meeting customer expectation. Successful businesses embrace higher customer expectations and do their best to meet or exceed those expectations. Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative was one of the first utilities to install "smart meters" about 12 years ago. We didn't call them smart meters then. We can read these meters from the office for energy usage, check to see if the power has "blinked" and how many times. They can also tell us if someone has messed with the meter. For those who regularly don't pay or move in and out, 1005260905 with a little add-on device we can also turn the power on and off without making a trip by a lineman. Fortunately we don't need very many of those add-on devices.

Some of these meters are about 12 years old now and still serving us well. At the time of installation, the cost was a significant expense for the cooperative. But just the savings of not having to send an employee to read the meters each month and then send someone to reread when human error occurred or the bill was too high, paid for this "new at the time" technology in less than five years. Today virtually every utility now has the ability to read their customers' meters remotely. While this system still serves us well for the purposes it was originally intended, customer expectations are rising. Meter-monitoring technology exists to do much more than the 12-year-old technology. Can you imagine comparing a 12-year-old cell phone with a new I-Phone 5 "whatever"? Today the technology exists or is being developed to allow customers to monitor their electric service and usage over that new I-Phone from virtually anywhere in the world. There is always a price to pay, but soon meter technology will be there to constantly monitor not only for energy usage, outages and blinks, but to watch

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 2/28/14.....	\$200,037.67
DEPOSITS.....	8,130.42
INTEREST INCOME	43.00
CHECKS ISSUED	-13,794.39
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-13,883.00
BALANCE 3/31/14.....	\$180,533.70

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the voltage and report to the utility any-time the variance exceeds predetermined levels. The applications in the future will only be limited by our imaginations as customers' expectation will continue to drive technology.

But the advancement of technology is not limited to growing customer expectations. As I said earlier, if a transformer burns out, we install a new one and a couple of hours later the customer has power. Not good enough. What if the transformer could monitor itself and call the utility when it started to "feel sick." Maybe the outage could be avoided and a little intensive care could save the transformer. That technology exists today. Many of those half million dollar transformers in the substations already have some form of this technology. In the future the price will allow this technology to be placed on all new transformers and other electric line equipment. Fewer outages, fewer burned up transformers, and few calls from less than satisfied customers.

And this is just the beginning of the technological changes coming to the electric utility industry. Today these are not just ideas. These technologies are in the development and testing phases. Electric line conductors that are "hydrophobic." The idea is that they can be coated or impregnated with materials that will cause the conductor to reject the moisture before it has time to freeze. What a blessing that would be. One university is working with a power line monitor that can be installed in the substation and continuously monitor the electric power sign wave and predict a potential problem on the circuit. This technology is being developed and now being tested in the field that will not only identify some types of problems on the circuit in advance but also report the type of problem detected project and where on the circuit the problem is located. It is working, sort of, but not yet ready for commercial application.

There are some who are now thinking about electric utilities without poles and wires. Don't count me among that group yet. However I am getting old, but still excited about what technol-

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"We're celebrating 75 years of people having a bold idea to electrify rural America," said David Swank, CREC CEO. "I think we need to continue to have bold ideas. This consolidation is a bold idea, and is something that has not been done in Oklahoma. I believe the people 75 years ago were great leaders, and I just hope that people 75 years from now will say the same about us."

CREC and CVEC are two financially strong cooperatives. This consolidation is an opportunity to add to the strengths of the cooperatives and will allow duplicate costs between the two cooperatives to be eliminated while expanding services. It will also provide opportunities for decreased outage response time. Preliminary results from the Cooperative Finance Network show the consolidation has the potential to save the cooperatives an estimated \$14 to \$42 million over a 10-year period.

Although there are still a few unknowns currently being vetted by the CFC and Guernsey, the initial reactions from both boards of trustees and other cooperative partners are favorable to the consolidation, including those from Brandy Wreath, Director of the Public Utility Division of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

"You can't underestimate the challenges of rising power costs," Wreath said. "Everything is going up, up, up. We are so impressed with the potential savings. From my perspective, do not leave it [the opportunity to consolidate] on the table."

More information will continue to be released as final results of the studies are confirmed, but there is one thought the leadership of both cooperatives agrees upon – the idea we must change in order to continue to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity to you, our member-owners.

ogy holds for the future. All this technology will have a cost. But so does higher customer expectations and staying in business.

"We can keep doing the same things we've done today and continue to get less of a return on our results said George Hand, CVEC CEO. "We have got to change to continue to see results. There may have been a time when we needed 26 electric cooperatives, but I do not believe that is still true today."

Classified Ads

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RV/Marine

30' Pontoon boat, new bunk-style trailer, old belly trailer, new steering station not installed, needs work, no motor, \$4,500, 997-5334.

2002 5th wheel w/slide-out, microwave, ceiling fan, pulled less than 3,000 miles, \$8,000, 598-5286.

Services

2006 Yamaha Roadstar, red, loaded, driver & pass back rest, leather bags, 21K miles, \$5,500 OBO, 683-0051.

FREE - Haul away unwanted major appliances, scrap metal, car batteries, w/i 15 miles of Shawnee, 609-4365.

Bee & swarm rescued, local pollen, 432-9352.

Wanted

Hardware store-style round nail bin, 382-6518.

House in or around Shawnee, Midwest City, Tecumseh, under \$70,000, 471-7077.

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

2012 Ford Focus SE, 4-dr., gray, cloth seats, cruise control, 39K miles, \$12,000, 567-9073.

1953 Ford 1-ton flatbed, \$2,450; '72 Chevy 2-ton, 606-9113.

2004 Olds Alero, 2-dr., 4-cyl., tires good, good condition, \$1,000, 279-4567.

Farm

16' utility trailer w/new oak floor, \$775, 606-9113.

28.5 Massey Ferguson tractor, 80 hp, 3-B plow, 12' JD disc, good rubber, RH, runs good, \$7,995, 481-6825.

1980s John Deere diesel tractor, 650, \$4,000, 964-2959.

New 10,000-gal. tank, \$1,200, 273-3458.

Structural tubing & rods, 2&7/8" tubing, 95¢/ft., 2&3/8", 80¢/ft., 1" rods, \$8, 7/8", \$7, 3/4", \$6.5 ea., 380-6316.

GEH L135 grinder mixer, shedded, \$1,500, 452-3844.

Bale spike; head gate, 3-pt., 8' spring tooth, carry all 3-pt., 1-2 section spring tooth boom, 3-pt., 567-3685.

Brush hog & box blade, \$200, 567-1981.

Hyster model H30E gasoline forklift, new tires, runs and works, \$900, 598-2260.

Belsaw sharpner, 1/2 hp,

\$150, 454-2046.

1956 Fordson major 4-cyl. diesel tractor, runs good, dependable, needs rear tire, \$2,000, 379-6871.

DR chipper, 19 hp Kawasaki, trailer-mounted, great condition, \$1,200, 808-0205.

Portable Sawmill bandsaw, saws up to 20' logs, hydraulic log-turner, also bandsaw sharpner, 918-716-8482.

20-gal., propane tank, about 2/3 full, \$65, 567-2880.

TO 30 Massey Ferguson 6' blade, \$1,800, 264-7708.

300-gal. fuel/water tank, trailer-mounted, \$200; 18' tandem-axle trailer w/12-volt tongue lift, \$300, 382-1444.

500-gal. propane tank, \$475, 279-3897.

New wood chipper, \$125, 380-6655.

Ruud propane heater, used very little, \$1,000 OBO, 918-290-1936.

Miscellaneous

Small sq. bales of prairie hay, \$4.50/per bale, 598-5860.

Dryer 220, \$100; matching washer & dryer set, \$250; LP gas cookstove, \$100, 275-3419.

Working 32" Sanjo wide-screen LCD HD TV, \$100, 964-2569.

Jacuzzi whirlpool tub, white, left-handed, drop-in, 36"x60", holes for Roman faucet,

brand new, never been used, but has a repairable crack, \$600, 831-4509.

SA M1905 bayonet w/scabbard, made by Springfield Armory, one side marked SA over flaming bomb over 1910; US & s/n 436950 other side, \$189 firm, 659-0305.

4'x5' net-wrapped round bales mixed-grass hay, \$25-\$30, 942-4538, 333-2501.

Queen-size bedroom suite, 3-piece stereo speakers, black riding leathers, fits size 10-12, jacket, chaps, all reasonably priced, 481-5933.

Electric hospital bed, mattress, gel pad, \$100, 356-2264.

Mosler safe, \$400; kerosene lanterns, \$10 ea.; shop fan, \$50, new RV tire & wheel, \$75, 454-2046.

Queen-size mattress & box springs; collectible figurines - angels, Cherborn, whiskey glass collection, Coke-Cola, telephone, Mickey & Minnie banks, Taco Mayo dogs, 398-4912.

Tappan propane range, \$100; side-by-side refrigerator, \$300, 279-3638.

Kelvinator frost-free side-by-side refrigerator, \$200, 279-3638.

75 4'x6' md. bales of good quality hay, net-wrapped, can load, \$40/bale, take it all for \$35/bale, 382-5045.

Dresser w/6 small & 2 lg. drawers, w/mirror & shelves,

1 chest w/doors at top, opens w/2 small drawers & shelves, has 2 lg. drawers. 454-2408.

Motion lights, new entry & dead bolt locks, \$10 ea., 598-5286.

Queen bedroom set, new mattress, \$1,100; princess style, OBO; all kinds of clothing, 598-1202.

John Deere riding mower, storm doors, new 30"-37" wide, 25.5"-32.5" high glass fireplace doors, 918-866-2440.

Hand-made walking sticks, \$15-\$25; square bale iron hay rack, \$125; wooden box for strawberries, \$25; clean gas grill, \$75, 567-7921.

Wing-back chair, blue background w/off-white satin flowers, \$50; oval braided rug, multi-colored w/runner, 5'x8', \$60, 863-3419.

Green house stuff, \$20/all; 20 canning jars, \$10; FREE 12' swimming pool & filters, 273-0817.

Cab-high pickup shell, fits '94 to present Ford Ranger, w/mounting brackets, good condition, \$125, 313-1725.

Desert Rose all clock, snifter ashtrays, ceramic Christmas trees, potato pouches, jean aprons, 258-2117.

Pets/Livestock

2 older reg. Angus bulls, also several 12- to 16-month-old farm-raised Angus bulls, 275-0689.

Mini Aussie, born 3-23-14, 1 Red Merle female, 1 red tri female, 2 black tri male, ASD reg., \$350-\$550, 941-4199.

Goats, 273-8358

Beautiful Paint gelding, fox trotter, 10 yrs. old, 15.3 hands high, 333-2296.

Guinea fowl, \$5 ea., 383-2579.

Big roosters, \$2; baby ducks, Bantam chickens, 598-6711.

Real Estate

Large, beautiful lot overlooking Lake Eufaula. \$10,000, 918-689-9082.

Move-in ready - 3 BDR, 1.5 BA home on 9 ac., w/pond on Hwy. 9A near Earlsboro, \$125,000, 761-6314.

4 & 9 acres of land, 2 miles west of Tecumseh, 606-9113.

3 BDR, 2 BA brick home on 5 acres, 2 storage bldgs., in-ground pool - deck needs work, Bethel Schools, easy access to OKC & Norman, \$140,000, 760-3244.

4 BDR house w/fenced yard, 279-4567.

1 lot on Lake Eufaula w/1978 model RV on it, has electric pole & shed, \$10,000, 481-7674.

2.84 ac. w/water well & electric, north of Wetumka, has old house & trailer that need to be cleared, \$6,000 firm, 580-380-6664.

180 ac. in Okfuskee Co., w/ hunting lodge, 3 ponds, new fence, pine trees, excellent hunting, 918-866-2468.

1 ac. lot on Flint Ridge near the Illinois River, two 2&1/2 ac. lots on Lakemont Shores near Grand Lake, 390-2571.

1983 14'x75' mobile home w/2 BDR, 2 BA, all appliances, partially furnished, 2 porches, \$9,500, 820-7980.

RV/Marine

2011 Idletime 28' travel trailer, 12' slide, full-size refrigerator & shower, queen bed, \$15,000 OBO, 918-421-1450.

1968 14' Newman boat, /40 hp Johnson motor & trailer, \$350, 279-3638.

2007 Goldwing 18000 V-6 w/ extras, 30K miles, \$15,000 OBO, 964-3149.

Sportsman 29' travel trailer w/hitch, kept inside, \$5,000, 964-2569.

1996 Yellowstone 5th wheel travel trailer, fair condition, \$7,000 OBO, 550-5052.

1999 22' Pontoon boat w/ fishing seat at front, working live well, runs excellent, needs some seat repair, \$6,500 OBO, 203-2028.

14' camper trailer, make offer, 279-3897.

2006 Sierra 5th wheel, 2 slides, dual A/C, refrigerator, microwave, electric jackstand, 3 bunkbeds, sleeps 9, excellent condition, \$18,500 OBO, 203-2028.

1999 Yamaha Royal Star Tour Deluxe, 1,300 cc, fiberglass bags, garage-kept, 5,354 like-new miles, \$3,500 firm, 997-5334.

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