

CVEC and CREC Boards Resolve to Take Consolidation to Vote of Memberships



CVEC and CREC trustees watch as their respective board presidents sign a resolution committing their intent to take to their memberships a vote on consolidating the two cooperatives..

ties Service, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, KAMO Power and Western Farmers Electric Cooperatives, they are now in the process of finalizing the legal documents needed before taking the consolidation vote to the memberships.

To stay informed about the consolidation, visit <http://www.buildingourenergyfuturetogether.com>.

The boards of trustees of Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative and Central Rural Electric Cooperative signed a resolution November 5 declaring their commitment to share services and submit a consolidation vote to both memberships. The resolution serves as the first concrete commitment from the boards to agree to give the memberships the opportunity to vote on the consolidation. Although there was not a specific date given in the resolution, the boards are working to finalize everything in 2015.

“The boards of trustees have vetted the potential of a consolidation and feel it is time to bring it to the memberships for a vote,” said Gary McCune, president of the CREC board of trustees. “The economics make sense, and we feel it is the right thing to do for the members.”

In September 2013, the boards of

trustees announced they had entered discussions about a potential consolidation between the two cooperatives. Since that time, third party consultants have been evaluating financials, rates and other operational costs, showing that through consolidation, a potential \$40 million could be saved between the two cooperatives over a 10-year period.

“The consolidation discussions have no doubt been a lengthy process,” said Yates Adcock, president of the CVEC board of trustees. “However, it is our fiduciary responsibility to leave no rock unturned and to prepare for every situation possible, and that is exactly what we have done. We feel we have done our part, and now the members must decide if \$40 million is worth it to them.”

Although the cooperatives have received support from the Rural Utili-

By George

It is said that if Alexander Graham Bell were to return today, he would not recognize the telephone system he invented. With wireless, cell towers and Wi-Fi abounding he might not even find it. With smartphones in just about everyone’s pocket or purse, land lines to homes are disappearing every day. With these phones today, it seems that talking on them is less and less of a purpose since texting and tweeting and sending selfies and data plans dominate the use of our phones for today. The phone system is not what it was. It is much more and it appears we the consuming public continues to expect more from the mobile, wireless smart phone.

However, if we change our focus from Alexander Graham Bell and the

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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 September

	2013	2014
Operating Revenues	\$5,055,392	\$5,561,676
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,728,668	\$4,196,895
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	73.76	75.46
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$972.38	\$1,066.07
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.61	4.65
KW Peak Demand - This month	144,320	148,176
Billing kW demand	109,236	109,675
KW Peak Demand - YTD	151,092	184,404
KWh Purchased - This month	63,812,990	61,830,020
Taxes Paid	\$112,621	\$127,940
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$177,837	\$181,170
System Load Factor	61.4	58.0

New Services Staked in October

During the month of October 37 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2014 is 385. This compares to 351 for the same period in 2013.


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phone system to Thomas Edison and his electric utility system, the story is a little different. Edison could still find the poles, wires and transformers delivering electricity to customers. While we have smart meters today, we couldn't let the phone company get ahead of us, the production and delivery of electric utility service is still primarily accomplished with a central station generator connected to thousands of homes over thousands of miles of wire. And more than likely that generator is powered by burning a fossil fuel and releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Our leaders have decided this is a bad thing and are pushing regulation that will reduce the amount of electricity generated with coal. Coal plant retirements are being scheduled. Nuclear plants are too costly for most investors and it is hard to find anyone who wants a coal or a nuclear plant in their back yard.

The electric utility service business is going to change in the next few years. Other technologies, wind, solar and others will come forward but this is a slow and very costly process. Price may well take some consumers out of the market. None of us like higher prices or change, but the reality is that both are coming. Using less may be the only defense many of us have to continue to be consumers. Some are now looking to distributed generation sources such as wind and solar rather than central station power. Today reliability and cost with these technologies on an individual basis is still expensive. But when the price of fossil fuel generation is driven up by regulation and the alternative technologies are improved, they will become more price-competitive.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 9/30/14.....	\$203,963.96
DEPOSITS.....	8,259.97
INTEREST INCOME	11.49
CHECKS ISSUED	-5,310.83
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-8,881.74
BALANCE 10/31/14.....	\$198,042.85

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

2013 Capital Credit Allocation Formula

CVEC capital credit assignments are based on the co-op's revenues in excess of its expenses. These numbers are recorded as capital furnished by the members and are referred to as capital credits. In 2013, this amounted to \$2,470,504.88. This amount is not represented as cash, but as the co-op's equity interest in its distribution system.

Canadian Valley also receives capital credits from its generation and transmission cooperative, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, from whom we purchase electricity. For 2013, WFEC paid CVEC capital credits in the amount of \$2,184,707.22.

This is your notice regarding the assignment of your 2013 capital credits. This method avoids the expense of printing and mailing individual notices. You can request specific information about your account by contacting the co-op.

The 2013 capital credits are assigned to consumers as a book figure on the co-op's records. They are payable to the membership only upon dissolution of the co-op after all indebtedness is paid. Any remaining balance will be retired on a prorated basis at the time, provided the board of trustees makes a partial retirement prior to such event after determining the financial condition of the co-op won't be impaired. Capital credits are not cash and cannot be applied as payments on electric bills.

Here is how to determine your capital credit:

1. Add up the amount of your 2013 electric bills, for each CVEC account you have.
2. Locate your rate code on a recent electric bill, and match it to one of the classifications below.
4. Take the classification's decimal factor times the total of your 2013 bills.
5. This amount is your 2013 capital credits.

Example: 2013 total billing - \$1,000. Rate code - 2

$\$1,000 \times .0525362 = \52.54 2013 CVEC capital credit

$\$1,000 \times .0332678 = \33.27 2013 WFEC capital credit

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Rate Code</u>	<u>CVEC Factor</u>	<u>WFEC Factor</u>
Residential	1-4	0.0525362	0.0332678
Small Commercial & Irrigation	10-18	0.0652461	0.0296030
Large Power	24, 26	0.0388255	0.0372212
Large Power - 2	30-40	0.0091111	0.0457893

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!

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Most electric cooperatives, including Canadian Valley, have been around for about 75 years. While we have had "smart meters" for a dozen years or so, we are all pretty much still poles and wires companies. While some people are talking about going off-the-grid, most who do or would consider distributed generation still recognize the value of being connected to the grid. But the expectation of the customers of the grid is rapidly changing. It is going to be very important for electric cooperatives to recognize they must meet these expectations if the cooperatives are going to be successful in the future.

Electric Cooperatives to meet the increasing customer expectation, system security and technology deployment are going to need to work together to keep their service afford-

able and reliable for their members. It is hard to argue that Oklahoma needs 26 electric distribution cooperatives. We recognize this at Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative and Central Rural Electric Cooperative. Together, we will have the opportunity to do a better job of meeting our members' expectations and at a price that should be lower than going it alone. 1004094704 The issue of consolidating these cooperatives is really as simple as that. Consolidation will not create a "monster" electric cooperative, not even the largest one in Oklahoma. The members of both cooperatives will decide. The choice will be either "reach for the opportunity" or "circle the wagons" because the changes of the future are rapidly coming at us.

Happy Holidays

The CVEC office will be closed the following holidays:

Christmas
*Wednesday, December 24
and Thursday, December 25*

New Years Day
Thursday, January 1

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

'72 Chevy 2T all-steel bed, \$1,995; '92 Ford F150, Supercab, 6-cylinder, for parts; '86 Crown Victoria, 49K miles, \$2,975, 606-9113.

Very good 1999 Chevy Silverado pickup, 108K miles, garage-kept, \$6,500, 964-2569.

2001 Camaro SS, leather interior, stereo system, \$9,000, 395-2962.

2003 Chevy Malibu, PS, PB, AC, electric door locks, 4 new tires, tow pkg. w/Blue Ox tow bar, A-1 condition, \$4,000, 598-6739.

'82 Mercedes 380 SL Roadster, both tops, \$5,000 firm, 918-623-0582.

1957 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser, 2-dr., 1 owner, garage-kept, closed storage since 1979, 45K original miles, 401-4094.

1988 Dodge Ram 50 Club Cab, 5-sp., runs good, best offer, 452-3094.

Farm

Old 3-pt., 6' tandem disk, \$175; 12' chisel point harrow, \$150; sun shade for 1960s Massey Ferguson tractor 35,135 etc., \$30, 454-0510.

2005 Massey Ferguson 52 hp PAO 40 w/loader, 5' brush hog, bale spike, canopy/back tire weight, 214-906-9755.

2004 Kubota I 3400DT tractor w/loader-box blade, diesel,

4-WD, 85 hrs., \$14,800, 777-0056.

2008 Kubota M5100 w/loader, 179 hrs., turbo-charged, 52 hp., \$22,500, 273-7557.

5'x8' steel trailer, \$475, 606-9113.

4'x8' trailer, needs 14" tires, \$40; table saw, \$40, 598-5286.

Miscellaneous

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

Riding mower, all parts good, except blown wire, \$65; antique wood/coal stove, \$100, 240-2883.

Firewood, \$60/rick, 279-2008.

Two plots in Masonic Garden, Resthaven Cemetery, Shawnee, make offer, 598-1202.

Bermuda grass hay, 4'-5½' fertilized & sprayed, \$50 ea.; mixed hay 4'-5½', \$35 ea., sq. bales, prairie hay, \$4 ea., 820-3862.

Ingleby Village collectibles: church, school, barn; fiber-optic angels, \$15; ceramic Christmas trees; snifter ashtrays, \$20; three-tier complete Christmas trees, \$125; lg. soup cups, \$15, 258-2117.

FREE - old Gateway computer, works great, 273-0817.

Four good Michelin tires, P255/65/R17, raised letters, \$100, 496-0017.

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

Compete computer system, \$250; small deep freezer, \$80; full-size mattress & box springs, \$50; HP jet printer, 398-4912.

Kirby vacuum system, \$800, 432-8064.

Large hutch, \$300; king-size bedroom suite, no mattress, \$300, 712-2621.

1-year-old clean lift chair, for person under 200 lbs., 899-4616.

Old 5¢ electric Coke® machine, cooled, water fountain on the side, needs some TLC, \$1,000, 918-759-1111.

Silver Kennedy half-dollars, \$19, 380-2438.

Downriggers for fishing, 598-5286.

Pets/Livestock

FREE to good home - female Black Lab, 4 yrs. old, good with kids, 255-5230.

FREE - Great Pyrenees-mix, about 6 mos. old, 747-3929.

Red and Blue Heeler puppies, \$200 ea., 279-3383, 240-0960.

FREE to good homes - three indoor cats, already fixed, very sweet, one Blue Heeler-mix, 383-2064.

FREE - pigeons, no deposit, no returns, 382-3878

Miniature horses, all ages,

weanlings, yearlings, older, excellent Christmas gifts, 382-3504.

Half Angus/Limo, half Jersey heifer calves, market price, 201-8898.

Miniature ponies, mama & baby (very rare), \$300 for the pair, 410-6027.

Real Estate

Seven acres, pond, pecan trees, 1,800 sq. ft. house, 2 BA, AC, in Macomb, \$82,000, 432-8064.

2½ acres on Whispering Oak Dr., north of Jacktown, off Hwy. 177, \$15,000 OBO, 279-3628.

LEASE - 159 ac. m/l farm, off Hwy. 3, 1½ miles south on Hwy. 9A, 878-0707.

Tiny house to be moved, w/ cook stove, fridge, microwave, front porch, ready to move into, 598-1202.

10 & 20 acres in Tecumseh, 606-9113.

RV/Marine

2014 custom-built motorcycle trike, \$15,000 or trade for land/lot, etc. of equal value, 200-5974.

'95 33' Airstream Land Yacht MH, licensed in OK, stored in CA, \$20,000 firm, 559-259-0268.

2007 Rockwood UltraLite 5th wheel, fewer than 5K miles, storage-kept, \$18,000; 2007 Yamaha Vino, 125 scooter, 500 miles, 85 mpg., \$1,300 firm, (918) 373-4549.

2007 Salem 35' travel trailer, slide-out living area, lots of storage, very good condition, \$11,500, 432-8836.

5th wheel w/brake control, \$350, 598-5286.

Services

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

Will haul away for free large appliances, scrap metal, car batteries, and will buy junk vehicles, 694-9686.

Trailer repairs, lights, brakes, floors, and bearings replaced, 468-7255.

Wanted

3/4 to 1-ton flatbed, 4-WD feed truck, 201-2370.

Older 250-500cc motorcycle, 308-1504.

Head Ferguson T.O. 20 tractor, no cracks, 794-5346.

Use Emergency Generators with Care

Frequent, more severe fall and winter storms over the past few years have led more homeowners to invest in emergency backup generators that can run a couple of appliances or keep the lights on when wind, rain and falling tree branches knock out the electricity.

Like any electric appliance, it's important to follow the manufacturer's safety instructions so nobody in your family gets hurt while using it. But unlike other appliances, an improperly operated generator can harm or even kill a member of a line crew who's working on a downed wire in your neighborhood.

Here are some generator safety tips:

- Generators can produce carbon monoxide. Never power up a generator indoors. And place carbon-monoxide alarms in the rooms of your house that are near the location where you operate your generator.
- Never plug your generator into an electrical outlet. Use extension cords to connect the appliance you want to run directly to the generator.
- Do not connect the generator to any of your home's electrical circuits. This requires a transfer switch and installing a transfer switch requires a licensed electrician.