

Consolidation Discussion, Studies Continue into New Year



CVEC and Central Rural Electric Cooperative continue to study the prospect of consolidating into one cooperative. The two co-ops, along with National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) are continuing with a comprehensive study analyzing the compatibility of the two organizations.

This follows an announcement to

members of both co-ops in September 2013 that the two were entering into discussions to review possible operations efficiencies gained by working together in finding solutions for current and future energy challenges.

"A preliminary review indicated probable economic benefit and increased long-term membership value from the

opportunities for economies of scale, increased financial strength, rate stability, elimination of duplicate services and additional operating efficiencies," explains CVEC General Manager George Hand.

An extensive review is expected to take up to one year to complete and will be conducted with diligence and the best interests of the members in mind. This collaboration, and how the two cooperatives are working to Build Our Energy Future Together, will be discussed at future meetings, and information can also be found on the website, www.buildingourenergyfuturetogether.com.

"Please know the boards of trustees of CVEC and CREC have not made any decisions, other than to explore the potential opportunities," says Hand.

You can join us in Building Our Energy Future Together by sharing in the open dialogue about the purpose and value of this collaboration. We will continue to update you on the progress of this journey, but feel free to visit www.buildingourenergyfuturetogether.com, to find out more information and to ask questions about this collaboration.

By George

At our Annual Meeting held last September, we reported on two issues. These issues were: 1. Cooperative electric rates, and 2. A Consolidation Study with Central Rural Electric Cooperative, our neighboring electric cooperative to the north.

Cooperative Electric Rates: At the meeting we reported the co-op's electric rates had not been changed since

the beginning of 2009. We reported that as of the September meeting, no action had been taken to change or increase rates, but some change might be necessary during 2014. Our current electric rates are based on the cost of providing electric service, including maintenance and replacement, as those costs existed in 2007 & 2008. As of the middle of January 2014, CVEC's Board of Trustees and management have taken no action to change or increase these rates that have now been in effect for five years. Growth in number of consumers and electric

energy sales have allowed the existing rates to last longer without change than they have historically. Utility expenses have increased in those five years and it is likely some change in electric rates will be required during 2014. When a decision to start such a process to change our electric rates is made, we will let you know. I believe any rate increase to total revenue will be less than 3%. I would expect the average monthly bill could increase between \$5.00 and \$6.00 in any

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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 November

	2012	2013
Operating Revenues	\$4,484,699	\$5,141,111
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,289,879	\$3,808,671
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	73.36	74.08
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$864.60	\$988.68
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.60	4.61
KW Peak Demand - This month	123,304	141,018
Billing kW demand	115,112	109,236
KW Peak Demand - YTD	160,468	151,092
KWh Purchased - This month	58,741,750	64,901,540
Taxes Paid	\$90,172	\$91,879
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$175,752	\$176,812
System Load Factor	66.2	63.9

New Services Staked in December

During the month of December 19 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2013 is 401. This compares to 397 for the same period in 2012.


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rate change. Remember this is just me talking and no action to change our electric rates has been initiated.

Consolidation Study: Also at Annual Meeting we reported that CVEC management and trustees, along with the management and trustees of Central Rural Electric Cooperative, Stillwater, were entering into a study to determine the membership value of a consolidation of the operations of the two cooperatives. The evaluation process is continuing. The boards of both cooperatives are being very deliberate in evaluating this possibility. We have engaged outside consultants to make independent reviews of this consideration. We also intend to review the issues with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission before bringing a recommendation to the membership. A consolidation cannot occur without the approval of the memberships of both cooperatives. Prior to asking you to consider a consolidation, we will provide the information gained for your review and consideration. Before calling for a membership meeting and vote, we would expect to hold several public meetings located throughout the service area to provide information and allow members to ask questions in a public setting. Any questions you have now may be submitted to either electric cooperative at any time. There is still much to consider before we can make such a recommendation for consolidation to you. At this point, the studies continue to look positive for a decision and possible vote by the memberships this year.

Correction from last month: Last month I discussed my 88-year-old mother and her expectations of electric service reliability. She still lives alone and takes care of herself. The only electric service provider she has ever had is CVEC and she doesn't plan to make any changes. In my story last month I said that at the age of 6, she milked several cows each morning alone in the dark in a separate

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 11/30/13....	\$194,019.52
DEPOSITS.....	8,162.41
INTEREST INCOME	52.05
CHECKS ISSUED	-6,711.33
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-17,339.62
BALANCE 12/31/13.....	\$178,203.03

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

Where Can I Pay My Electric Bill?

CVEC has teamed up with several area businesses and banks to make paying your electric bill convenient. Bills can be paid at any of the locations below, at any time during the month. Just be sure and have your bill stub with you. Keep in mind, these payments are not received at our office for at least three business days, so please be mindful of your due date.

Once we receive your payment, we will credit your account.

Chandler – BancFirst

Eufaula – Bank of Oklahoma

Shawnee – Arvest Bank

BancFirst

First United Bank

Vision Bank

Seminole – BancFirst

First United Bank

Security State Bank

Harrah – BancFirst

Holdenville – The Bank, N.A.

Konawa – BancFirst

Tecumseh – BancFirst

First United Bank

Maud – The Bank, N.A.

McLoud – BancFirst

Meeker – BancFirst

Vision Bank

Noble – First State Bank

Paden – Citizens State Bank

Prague – BancFirst

Vision Bank

Wetumka – Citizens Security Bank

Wewoka – First National Bank

Security State Bank

Okemah – BancFirst

By George

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barn, before walking to school. She milked in the dark until she was given a kerosene lamp for Christmas one year by her father.

She has corrected me. She was 5 years old when she started milking and it was only one cow. This cow was, "very gentle and would let you do anything." She was 11 before she milked six cows alone in 1104542403 the dark and separate barn. Some of these six cows were not gentle or easy to milk. Just to be completely accurate.

Cold Spots in Home can Indicate Air Leaks, Poor Insulation

If some of the rooms in your house are too cold while others are too hot, you might need more insulation in your attic. Cold air that seeps into your attic doesn't have to find its way into the home's living space. Adequate attic insulation, properly installed, can catch it.

If your floor is so cold you have to wear socks with your slippers, check the insulation level in your basement or crawlspace. Just as cold air in the attic doesn't have to make your home cold, neither does cold air from the crawlspace.

If your heating bill shows a sudden spike, it's possible your home's ductwork has cracks or kinks or is missing some of its insulation. Ask your HVAC technician to crawl up in your attic and have a look.

If some of the rooms in your home are drafty, that could be a sign that the insulation level in the walls is too low or that cold air is leaking into your home through windows or wall penetrations around electric outlets. Seal wall penetrations with caulk; weather-strip your doors and apply plastic over windows.

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!

Statement of Non-Discrimination

Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative, Incorporated is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Development Utilities Programs, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provision of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture, which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or handicap shall be excluded from participation in, admission to, access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's non-discrimination compliance efforts is Gail Fipps, Manager of Human Resources. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Development Utilities Programs, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

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

1997 Chevy 1500 pickup, outstanding condition; 1986 Dodge 150 pickup, low mileage, both very reliable, 613-5170.

1989 Ford flatbed truck, 1995 Ford truck, 301-6300.

Take up payments on 2005 Chrysler Sebring convertible, 997-3251.

1999 Dodge van, 3 rows of seats, AC, PS, PB, great shape, 279-2647.

2004 Chevy Avalanche, black, 5.3 engine, 83K miles, good condition, \$14,000 OBO, 443-6996.

1946 Jeep \$4,800; Late 70s Chevy winch truck, propane-powered, 383-2064.

1992 GMC 1-ton Dually flatbed dump truck, \$2,500, 941-3976.

Yellow 1975 El Camino 350 SS, new tires, original motor & body, good shape, runs good, 918-724-2970.

1953 Ford 1-ton flatbed, \$2,450, 606-9113.

2005 Ford Mustang GT Premium, loaded, metallic silver, 71K miles, \$13,500, 642-0346.

Farm

Two-horse, extra-tall, bumper pull trailer & lots of misc. tack, 918-689-9502.

1980s 16 hp John Deere diesel tractor, 4 attachments,

no front-end loader, \$3,500, 964-2959.

500-gal. propane tank w/reg., \$500, 640-9531.

Two 150-kW and 2 100-kW Whisper Watt generators, trailer-mounted, John Deere and Volvo Penta diesel power special outlet boxes on 100 kW, 708-0228, 275-6617.

Sawmill - band saw, electric & hydraulic movement, \$6,200, 918-716-8482.

500-gal. propane tank, \$475; 500 fuel tower, \$475; cattle & utility trailers, \$175-\$975; cattle headlock, \$195, 606-9113.

Sear 4 kW alternator 120/240, \$100; Bell saw, \$150; Makita belt sander, \$40; log chains, sledge hammers, pipe vise, \$25, 659-5047.

Torch bottles, reg & hoses, \$150, 640-9531.

Miscellaneous

Buy, sell & repair clocks, 513-2986.

4-5 md. bales good & mixed grass hay, \$35-\$40/bale; 200 bales prairie hay, sq. bales, \$5/bale, 820-3862.

Ladies coveralls, med. size (10-12), worn twice, \$20, 279-3638.

Aluminum windows, \$20 ea.; 60" projector, \$300, 382-2243.

Prairie hay - Lg. md. bales, & sm. sq. bales, 598-5860.

Bermuda hay, fertilized, sprayed, \$6/bale, 640-9531.

Bermuda & prairie grass hay, good quality, 4'x6' md. net-wrapped, \$40/bale, 382-5045.

Log cabin logs, Eastern Red Cedar, 5.5" x 5.5", D-shaped, tongue & groove, about 3,300', \$7/ft., 630-5073.

Dell 3000CN laser printer, works great, \$100, 380-3728.

Oak corner entertainment center, \$150 OBO, 333-2457.

Stephen King and Dean Koontz hardback books, \$5 ea., 598-6711.

Electric twin bed, good shape, \$80, 306-8620.

X-lg. Igloo dog house, lg. fiberglass dog house, 275-4732.

Electric glass top range, \$250; Kenmore washer & dryer, \$200; refrigerator, \$100; gas dryer, \$100, 275-3419.

Seasoned, split oak firewood, \$50/rick, 279-2008.

12'x24' Cojac bldg., storage or live-in contents for sale, also household items, 598-3449.

Over 130 cross-stitch threads, hoops, needles, some patterns, magnetic board, new baby cross-stitch bib, \$75 for all, 382-3930.

5'x6' md. bales of sprayed, Bermuda mix hay, \$40/bale; Lexmark Pro 205 printer, like new, \$50, 918-656-3275.

Side by side burial plots, Masonic Garden, Resthaven Cemetery, Shawnee, 598-1202.

Storm doors, \$25-\$150, installation available, 918-866-2440.

Pets/Livestock

Big roosters, \$2,598-6711.

Two black/poll Limosine bulls: 13-mos., & 15-mos., low birth weight, outstanding profile, 455-7250.

Polled Hereford cows & replacement heifers, highly efficient, gentle, long-lived, excellent mothers, \$1,000-\$2,000, 598-1920.

Bulls - commercial 1-yr.-old Black Angus, big, stout, & polled, \$1,800, 640-1170, 997-3311.

Guinea fowl, \$6.50-\$8 ea., 964-5235.

Real Estate

3 BDR house in Wanette, cash only, 383-2064.

Nice Lake Eufaula home, 3 BDR, lg. living, dining & kitchen, 5 min. to water, near #9 Landing, \$57,000, 681-4894.

Prague - 2 BDR, \$18,500, will trade, needs work; 3 BDR brick, as is, good starter home, \$55,000, insured for \$140,000, 279-2930.

RV/Marine

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

Two Honcho Nomad motor gliders, other aviation material, \$2,500; 1964 Cessna 150D, strong runner, good paint, wheel pants, long range tanks, \$14,000, 279-2616.

Services

Guitar lessons in Harrah, \$15 for 30-minute lesson, 454-2585, 664-6309.

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

Wanted

Deck, fence, barn, construction jobs, 918-866-2440.

Practice Electrical Safety at Work

Your home isn't the only place where you can control how safely you use electricity. Watch out for safety hazards at work, too.

1. Keep your cubicle, office or other work space as clean and uncluttered as possible. Keep walking areas clear of tools and put away any electrical equipment as soon as you're finished using it. Dust your desk or work table frequently.

2. If your space is heated by radiators, don't pile stuff on top of them. If it's heated through baseboards, don't block their air flow by stacking files, anything in front of them.

3. Avoid using extension cords except when the tool or device that's plugged into it is in use. When you're finished, unplug it. Extension cords are not designed for permanent use.

4. Turn off computers and appliances when you're not using them.

5. Don't use any electrical equipment that appears to be damaged or whose wires are frayed or cracked.

6. Keep coffee and water away from the electronics and equipment to prevent spills that can cause a shock. Clean up spills immediately.