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TransCanada Pipeline is a Treasure to CVEC and Area Economy

By George

In February, CVEC General Manager George Hand testified before the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements in Washington, D.C.

This is an excerpt of that testimony.

I consider myself fortunate and blessed. I was born in Oklahoma and have lived there all my life. I wasn't raised in a log cabin but grew up in a home that had a wood stove for the only heat in the winter and open windows for cooling in the summer. The wood for the stove was mostly cut by my brothers and me. Wood does heat you twice. In the summer time, if the open windows didn't do the job we slept outside.

My mother who turned 87 last week still lives in that house. She still thinks my brothers and I should cut the wood. When we don't, she thinks she embarrasses us by buying the wood. The only other heat in the house today, besides that wood stove, is a small electric wall heater I installed in the bathroom a few years ago. Until last summer there has been no air-conditioning in the house. That was when, over her objections, I installed a small window unit in her bedroom. Her electric bill didn't go up much at all. She refused to use it unless someone was watching. She said electricity just costs too much, even if her son is the manager of the electric cooperative.

I am the general manager and CEO of Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative, headquartered north of Seminole, Oklahoma. I have served 28 years in this capacity. Prior to this I was the general manager of People's Electric Cooperative located in Ada, Oklahoma, for a period of 6 years. Prior to that time, I held several management positions at Tri-County



The southern portion of the TransCanada pipeline is currently under construction, and runs through CVEC's service territory, on its way to refineries near Houston. CVEC and WFEC are supplying the electric service to this historic project.

To some it is dirty and has an unpleasant odor. To others, it is a thing of beauty with the fragrance of money.

To area communities, it's a powerful B-12 shot to their economies.

To Canadian Valley and Western Farmers Electric Cooperatives it is one of the most desirable types of electric loads there is.

It is the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline currently under construction in Seminole County. The pipeline begins in northeastern Alberta, Canada and travels south through eight US states, delivering synthetic and domestic crude oil to refineries in Illinois and Texas.

Western Farmers Electric is building a substation through which Cana-

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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 December

	2011	2012
Operating Revenues	\$4,755,179	\$4,423,678
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,753,504	\$3,631,139
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	78.94	82.08
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$918.88	\$853.00
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.57	4.60
KW Peak Demand - This month	142,366	144,732
Billing kW demand	110,748	115,112
KW Peak Demand - YTD	165,676	160,468
KWh Purchased - This month	72,252,200	69,810,410
Taxes Paid	\$97,761	\$91,932
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$194,927	\$178,785
System Load Factor	68.2	64.8

New Services Staked in January

During the month of January 23 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2013 is 23. This compares to 28 for the same period in 2012.

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Electric Cooperative in the Oklahoma Panhandle. I am a Registered Professional Engineer with a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University. I have a great job and would not want to trade with anyone, especially anyone here.

Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative serves approximately 24,000 retail electric customers in the east central part of Oklahoma, with an investment in electric distribution plant of about 100 million dollars, making up 5,000 miles of electric distribution lines. Of these 24,000 retail customers, 90% are residential consumers. Approximately 40% of these residential customers are retired.

Our service territory is located from the eastern edge of Oklahoma City to Lake Eufaula between the Deep Fork of the North Canadian River and the South Canadian River, an area of approximately 3,500 square miles. The total electric capacity requirement of our member-owner-customers is about 160-megaWatts on a hot summer day or during cold winter night. We do have both in Oklahoma regularly.

At Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative our purpose is simple and straight forward, "To provide electric utility service to our customers at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound business practices." This mission guides us daily and we have not strayed. We believe if we can be successful in our mission, it will give the customers we serve the best possible opportunity for a better lifestyle and the businesses that look to us for electric power and energy, the greatest opportunity to be successful, to grow, to prosper and to provide jobs for our member-customers.

Profit is not our purpose. Our purpose is to help others prosper and profit. Most of the territory we serve would not be considered a desirable or even a feasible service territory to a for-profit electric utility. But that is okay, together we make it work. Our employees realize the rewards of their jobs go far beyond the paycheck. That is because our motive and our purpose is to serve our owners. Are all our customers happy with their electric bill? Absolutely not. They know their electric bills are too high and they will tell you.

We are locally governed by a board of trustees chosen by and from our customer-owners. Our board of trustees knows a little about elections. They must stand for election every three years. But they must face the cooperative's customers every day at work, in the coffee shop and at church.

Pick up Your Copy of Co-op's Bylaws

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dian Valley will provide electric service to one of the pipeline's pumping stations south of Cromwell.

"This is a huge project," says CVEC's Manager of Operations Cordis Slaughter. "It's been in discussion for two to three years, but actual construction began within the last year. It is the third phase of the pipeline, known as the Keystone-Cushing Extension. As everyone around here knows, this southern portion of the pipeline starts in Cushing and will deliver both Canadian and domestic oil over 400 miles south to refineries on the Gulf Coast near Houston."

He goes on to explain the pipeline will run about 30 to 40 miles through CVEC's service territory.

TransCanada information explains pumping stations are located about every 50 miles along the pipeline.

"The pressure in the pipeline drops after traveling that 50 mile distance," says Slaughter. "The pumps in those stations will use electricity to restore the desired amount of pressure to the pipe so the oil can continue down the pipeline."

Scott Williams, commercial and industrial marketing manager for Western Farmers Electric, says plans call 902043103 for the substation construction to be complete and the substation to be functional this summer.

"We've been working on this project for a few years now, so it's rewarding to see it coming together. And the benefits to Canadian Valley and Western Farmers will be immediate. Members of both cooperatives will be affected in a positive way."

"What is attractive about this load is that it is constant. It isn't like a residential load that peaks and drops throughout the day, and it's

not a seasonal load that comes online for a few weeks or months each year," says Slaughter.

"This is a constant load that is online 24/7. That allows for a more efficient use of CVEC's investment."

Williams goes on to point out the availability of electric service from WFEC and CVEC's commitment to providing reliable, affordable electric service are two of the reasons TransCanada chose CVEC as the project's power supplier.

The benefits of having the pipeline running through this portion of the state will not only be felt by CVEC and WFEC. Local communities are already enjoying the advantages.

The construction jobs that TransCanada has brought to the region are infusing much-needed dollars into those communities.

"Pipeline employees are renting motel rooms, and RV parking spaces, they are eating in restaurants, buying fuel at gas stations, and shopping in local stores," says CVEC General Manager George Hand. "They are improving the economy as school systems and city and county governments are benefiting from the additional tax dollars. The economic boost to these areas from the jobs during construction and the ongoing operation is certainly significant."



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Real Estate

20 acres, partly wooded w/rural water, Seminole, \$40,000, 409-5885.

3 BDR house to be moved, \$16,000, 382-2909, 380-7035.

RV/Marine

2008 Honda TRX 400X, bought new from Shawnee Honda in 2010, like new, \$3,200, 642-9953.

Motorguide trolling motor w/46-lb. thrust, foot control w/boat mount, like new, \$275, 567-4424.

2001 Tracker 175 Pro crappie boat, 40-HP Mercury w/trailer, 2 fishing kayaks, 283 Chevy motor, 761-9046.

Large school bus camper, diesel, auto, 580-925-2640, 584-2764.

11' V-front John boat style, & motor, (useable, but beautiful Patina for display) \$350 w/trailer, 918-866-2468, 918-866-2440.

14' fiberglass fishing boat, Tilt trailer w/lights, spare tire, new tires/wheels, \$285, 382-1444.

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	DEPOSITS..... 8,040.77
	INTEREST INCOME 9.91
	5 CHECKS ISSUED-6,344.54
	APPROVED, NOT YET PAID10,475.98
	BALANCE 1/31/13..... \$176,429.49

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.

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Classified must be received by the 5th of the month to appear in the following edition of The Electra-Lite.

Automobiles

1999 Olds Alero; 1993 Mercury Sable; Mazda MX-6; 1992 Mercedes 190E, 598-3540, 274-3580.

1987 GMC Safari van, dependable, 200K miles, \$500 OBO, 356-2828.

1957 Ford pickup w/step-side bed, six cyl., 75% restored, \$2,500, 273-1845.

1976 VW Bug parts, front-end, body, interior, too much to list, 566-9872.

Wanted - Hood for 1947 Chevy 1/2-ton pickup, 964-3813.

1973 Nova 4-door, 42,800 original miles, runs great, \$3,800, 306-8620.

1976 VW parts, front-end, body, misc. parts, 566-9872.

Farm

Five pieces antique farm machinery, 12 steel concrete forms, 631-1505.

Waggle-tooth cultivator, \$200; lister plow, \$60; old pedal tractor & trailer, \$150, 273-6581.

Drill stem posts - 19-2 1/2"x7", 2-2 1/2"x11", 4-3"x7", \$185; blk. pipe - 12-1 1/2"x10'7", 33-1 1/4"x9 1/2", 25-1 1/4"x6", \$500; corner posts 3-6"x8'6", \$35; 6 4"x7' corner posts, \$60, 382-5045.

9" auger w/screw point, never used, \$100 cash, 279-2480.

1992 John Deere 1219 hay cutter conditioner, new belt, used during 2012 hay season, \$1,000, 383-2379.

1945 antique Farmall tractors - M, H w/dozer blade, & super A, have hydraulic to put on tractor A, 401-8997.

18' trailer, \$750; 8' grain drill, needs work, \$125; 10'x6' chain link fence panel, \$23, 454-0510.

8-wheel hay rake, EC, \$1,500; old horse walker, \$400, 333-2382.

1974 J. D. 2030 & loader bale S Proll top, \$14,500, 932-5016.

J. D. 2-section harrow, needs welding; 3-pt. spring tooth harrow, manure spreader, 3' boom for tractor, 2 B drag plow, drag field cuts, iron w/ grain drill, other farm tools, 567-3685

22K 5th-wheel hitch, \$200; 18' of 16" steel pipe, \$100, 249-0909

Transmission for 1972 Chevy, 3-spd., new gears, \$300; 350 Turbo Longtail shaft, \$200; cbl. hump 194 heads, \$200; 4-bolt main 350, \$300, 432-8584.

1940 9N Ford tractor w/5' brush hog, \$1,800, 580-925-3978.

15' Balwing Rhino brush hog, \$3,000, 9 556-1393.

4'x30" steel smoker on trailer, \$1,750; 15.5 riding mower, 279-2330, 788-5754.

Skid loader bucket, almost

new, light duty, 66", \$300, 918-667-3362.

Savage 8042 pecan harvester, good shape, \$2,500, 379-6420.

RR spikes, \$1/ea., 50 or more, 50¢/ea., 824-7458.

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

3 toolboxes, 4', \$60, 6'. \$50; wood stove, 5' pipe, \$40, 383-2044.

1715 Ford 4-WD backhoe, loader 5' bucket, brush hog, box blade, ripper, 3 pt., \$10,500, 356-2135.

Hydraulic motorcycle jack, \$80; 2 black bullit, 17x9, \$120, 202-5615.

Ford Model T wrench, \$25; CB radios & parts, \$25; grease guns, \$12, 454-2046.

Miscellaneous

Medium green micro-fiber motion sofa & love seat, \$250, 273-6581.

New RV toilet, \$100, 249-0909.

Buy, sell & repair clocks, 513-2986.

Mixed firewood, you haul, \$50/pickup load, 240-2838, 290-8779.

Vintage women's dress hats, \$12/ea., 808-1939, 382-3930.

LX 7000 hot tub, seats 6, works good, good condition, \$1,000, 382-2243.

New & used C/S doors &

storm doors, a few window sizes too, \$25-\$250, 918-866-2440.

Deep freezer, \$100, queen-size Hide-a-Bed, \$100, 279-3638.

Free baby high chair, 964-2806.

Long navy sequined formal, size 9-10, \$20, long yellow satin sequined formal, size 5-6, \$25, cleaned, 382-1141.

Rustic couch w/wooden arms & beige cushions, 784-2190.

Wanted - top section for Rohn 25 tower, 275-0119.

Kids motorcycle boots, size 3, \$50; kids jersey & pants, \$50/set; motorcycle helmet, \$40, 273-7176.

S&S ice box, \$125; washer & dryer, \$200; cafe plate warmer, \$40; electric cook stove, \$100, 275-3419.

Swimming pool equipment, diving board, water slide, diverting valve, chlorinator pump & filter, rails, cover, \$1,800, 245-6810.

Bermuda square bales, \$9; farm fresh eggs, \$2.50; Alpaca soil additive by the pound or truck-load, Alpaca raw fiber, 567-2404

Motor Metal 20" chrome wheels, 5 lug w/lugnuts, 18" offset, good condition, \$1,000, 206-7348

Four kitchen chairs on casters, \$30, 964-2569.

Will haul away for free any unwanted scrap metal or major appliances w/10 mile radius of Shawnee, 609-4365.

Mitsubishi 55" digital projection HDTV, EC, \$350, 566-9872.

Ivers & Pond piano, \$350, 598-2270.

New violin, \$150, 838-9087.

Commercial Stairmaster, designer twin metal daybed, Sundowner w/living quarters 3 H slant, kitchen, bath, AC, \$15,000, 878-4797.

Beautiful teak wood furniture, unique miniature all-wood motorcycles, 2 sizes, 15" long, 7" tall, 4" wide. 404-345-1511.

Graco crib, converts to daybed, \$80; Kenmore electric dryer, \$75, 202-5615.

Propane faux fireplace w/mantle & remote, \$450, 842-4513.

Pets/Livestock

Free - 2 cats, front & back claws removed, shots, 1 calico, 1 w/long hair, 1 male & 1 female, both fixed, 964-3149.

Angus bulls/Red Limousin bulls & heifers, black polled, gentle, 474-2018, 279-3398.

Registered Limousin bulls & heifers, blk. polled, gentle, Limflex-Homozygous top genetics, 517-3824, 279-3398.

Hereford bulls, stout, growing & gentle, out of efficient, productive cows, 10 mos. to 2 years, \$1,000 to \$2,000, 598-3540.

Two reg. 5-10 yr.-old geldings, 16.2 & 15.3, raced at 2, gentle family safe, lesson horses, \$1,300/ea., 452-3267.

Need 2 Red Limousin bulls, 631-1505.

Quail, pheasant, chukar or guineas, 964-5235.

Australian Shepherds, born Jan. 25, 2 females, 3 males, parents are working dogs, \$200/ea., 210-1556.

Real Estate

25 acres w/4 ponds, 2 wells, 1999 28'x60' MH, small shop, Paden, \$105,000, 918-716-0714.

5 acres w/approx. 900-sq. ft. home, lg. fenced yard, small storage bldg., well water, east of Prague, 567-9999

4 acres on Curtis Drive, north of Shawnee, paved roads, 6 miles from Mall, sub-divided into 2-acre lots, some restrictions, \$35,000 OBO, 812-878-3123.

80 acres 2 1/2 miles N. of Holdenville, rural water, about 30 pecan trees, 2 good ponds, good fences, blacktop road, \$1,650/acre, 379-3271.

1 1/2 or 2 acres w/septic, good well water, shade trees, good location for school bus to travel, McCloud area, need MH, 964-2354.

Brick home on 80 acres, barn, shop, ponds, play house & fort, vinyl fencing, close to amenities, \$425,000, 623-326-7653.

3 BDR, 1 1/2 BA, brick home, about 1,200 sq. ft., 1 car garage, fenced yard, \$87,500, 598-6163.

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