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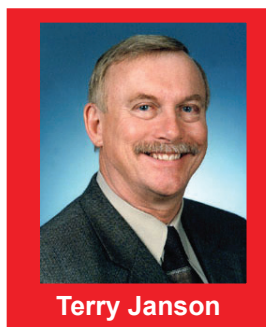
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Manager's Message... Electricity Demand Expected to Grow

Though much has changed since we first began electrifying rural Kansas, many concerns remain the same. We are again facing a growing demand for electricity and a shortage of generation capacity.

During the next 10 to 20 years, Kansas will need 600 to 700 megawatts (MW) of base-load power, which is power that is available 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. Coal and nuclear power are the lowest cost base-load generation, with natural gas generation ranging from two to three times higher than coal, depending on the price of gas.

In central and western Kansas, about half of our electricity is generated from coal. The rest is generated from natural gas and wind. Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and Mid-Kansas Electric Company (MKEC) and its



Terry Janson

member-owner, The Victory Electric Cooperative, are proponents of wind. Included in our generation portfolio are 100.4 MW of wind, 50.4 MW from the Smoky Hills Wind Farm and 50 MW from the Gray County

Wind Farm.

We have not only met the governor's goal of 10 percent wind by 2010, but became the first utility in Kansas to commit to the national 25 by 25 renewable plan. Through Sunflower, we are a founding member of the National Renewable Cooperatives Organization.

Wind is used at every opportunity, but since the wind does not blow all the time, it is not considered a base load generation source or a reliable source of generation. Unfortunately, the Kansas wind blows the most in January during

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

**VEC will be closed on Nov. 27 & 28
in observance of the holiday.**

Nola's Notes



As a child living near Ainsworth, Neb., I remember our house was heated by a large coal-burning stove in our living room. It had small eizing glass windows lighted by the fire inside with a

chrome foot rest for us to warm our cold feet – Nebraska winters were cold!

My sister and I rode a horse to a rural, one room, country school where all eight elementary grades were taught by one teacher. The school was a mile and a half from our home. We walked when the weather was nice. When the weather was cold, Dad brought our pony to the house, placed a large blanket over the saddle, placed my sister and I in the saddle. He then pinned the folds of the blanket over our lower bodies with large safety pins – called blanket pins – and we were on our way to school.

Later when I was teaching in the rural schools in Hodgeman County, Kan., my first chore every winter morning was to start a fire in the coal or wood burning stove located near the center of the room. Sometimes the students formed a line and marched around the room a few times to warm up a bit.

Rural electrification has changed all that, and we give thanks!

More to come, Nola

In 2007 at the age 95, Nola Ochs graduated from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in general studies with an emphasis in history, making her the world's oldest college graduate. In the following article, Nola reminisces on her life experiences and the impact of rural electrification on rural communities.

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the night, and with Kansas being a summer peaking state, we need the most power in the summer months. When the wind isn't blowing, our natural gas plants must be used.

For example, our two wind locations (Montezuma and Ellsworth) were producing power for only 34 percent of the time in the months of June, July and August 2008. Therefore, we had to use our gas plants for 66 percent of the hours during those periods.

Planning for the Future

To meet the growing demand for energy, we know that we must utilize all our resources: coal, natural gas, wind, and other renewables. A 2008 study by the U.S. Department of Energy substantiates this by predicting that our nation's demand for electricity will increase 27 percent by 2030, and at that time our nation's energy portfolio will be 54 percent coal, 18 percent nuclear, 14 percent natural gas, and 13 percent renewables.

In our mission to provide you with reliable power at an affordable price, Victory Electric and the five electric cooperatives that own Sunflower Electric, along with our project partners, are developing the Holcomb Expansion Project.

These coal units, which will be among the cleanest in the world, will bring 200 megawatts of much needed base load energy, along with net benefits of over \$5.3 billion to Kansans.

The local region will grow and benefit from the more than 1,500 jobs available during the construction period. And at full operation, the plant will add nearly 250 full time positions.

Co-ops were formed and are owned by people like you who believe in the value of teamwork, courage, and vision – the same principles we will continue to use in serving your electric needs.

"Til next time, TJ

11th Annual Irrigation and Technology Seminar Scheduled



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The Victory Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., would like to announce the 11th annual Irrigation and Technology Seminar.

The seminar will be held on Feb 6, 2009, at Victory Electric's office located at 3230 N. 14th in Dodge City.

If you are an irrigator on Victory Electric's system, we will be sending invitations to the meeting in late December and early January.

Please feel free to come out and listen to the great lineup of guest speakers and also visit with the exhibitors.

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Monday, December 1st, 2008

Sampling at 5pm
Parade begins at 6pm
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To enter the Parade or Chili Cook-Off, or for more information, contact Nikki Dirks



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