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FROM THE MANAGER

We are excited to announce that construction at Victory Electric is finally complete. We started moving into new offices on May 4 and hosted an open house on May 8.

We were under construction approximately one year. After watching the progress over time, it was exciting to finally get moved into our new space.

We added over 37,000 square feet. Included in the new addition is a warehouse, lobby area, offices, storage and meeting rooms.

I want to commend and thank the employees at Victory for being good sports and patient over the past year.

Many of our employees have been sharing offices with two or three other people for the past two years, and I know that could not have been easy at times. These new office spaces will allow us to be even more efficient as we serve you, the member.

Our open house was a success, drawing hundreds of members to tour of our facility and to eat burgers and hotdogs. It was exciting to see you, our members, come out and see the changes at Victory Electric.

'Til Next Time, TJ



Terry Janson

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On May 4, Victory's 37,000 square-foot expansion was complete.

Open House: *Victory celebrates our expansion*



The Dodge City Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for the project.



Mike Clark (in red) gives a tour of the new expansion.



Employees Armando Ceja (center) and Nick Rennaker (right) serve burgers and hotdogs to members.



Nate Stormont (far right) gives a tour of the new warehouse.



Members enjoy a meal after receiving a tour of the building.

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Online Bill-Pay

Providing easier, faster options for members

Is your electric bill due and you don't have time to mail it? Do you wish it were more convenient to pay your bill? Victory Electric has a great option for you to pay your electric bill from the convenience of your own home or office computer.

Our Web site, www.victoryelectric.net, gives members the option to pay with a credit card or set up automatic bank draft. This is just another way we are working for you, the member, to make things easier and faster.

You are able to view your billing and payment history on the Web site. You can also view your

usage and print another paper bill if you lost yours. This gives you the ability to compare your monthly usage and payments right on your computer without having to go through files looking for your monthly statements.

In addition to paying your bill online, Victory's Web site features a variety of other useful information, including copies of the monthly Victory newsletter, the latest co-op news and information about the various programs at Victory Electric.

If you have any questions about paying your bill online, please contact Victory Electric at 620-227-2139 or 800-279-7915.

Governor approves Holcomb expansion

It was announced last month that Governor Mark Parkinson reached an agreement with Sunflower Electric Power Corporation to expand the Holcomb coal-fired power plant.

The agreement for a net 895 MW unit will allow Tri-State and Golden Spread to participate in the project while preserving the 200 MW for Sunflower's members, Midwest

Energy and municipal customers.

The agreement also includes emission reductions for the existing Holcomb plant and development of other renewable energy through biomass and wind development. Sunflower will also commit to investing in demand-side-management and energy efficiency programs.

Moving more electricity to the west will require the construction of at least 345 kV transmission lines. These lines will help move electricity generated by Kansas wind to



Above is the original proposal for the Holcomb expansion, which included 1,400 MW. The compromise will result in the elimination of one proposed unit and net 895 MW.

Colorado.

"While the economic impact of this smaller unit will not be as significant as the 1,400 MW proposed in the current permit application, this is clearly a 'win' for all parties and allows us to move forward," said Earl Watkins, CEO of Sunflower. "Thanks to all of you for your help through this process. We're far from being ready to 'move dirt', but having the support of the Governor's office will certainly help move the permit through the remainder of the permitting process."

Victory honors employees

Victory Electric would like to congratulate Ryan Miller, Alma Rodriguez, Melissa Ruiz, Josh Schmidt and Jerry King, on their recent promotions and achievements.

Ryan Miller, has been promoted from Crew Chief on the line crew to Operations Supervisor. He has been with Victory for 12 years.

Alma Rodriguez, moved from Customer Service Representative to Billing Assistant. She has worked for Victory for three years.

Melissa Ruiz was recently transferred from Billing Assistant to Accounting Clerk. She has been with Victory for five years.

Josh Schmidt, Manager of Member Services, was recently elected mayor of Kinsley after serving on the city commission for four years.

Jerry King, Victory's Director of Marketing and Communications, was elected to a four-year term on the Spearville USD 381 school board.

We congratulate these employees on their achievements.

Happy Father's Day

Don't forget your father this Father's Day, Sunday, June 21.



Holiday Closing

Our office will be closed to observe the 4th of July on Friday, July 3.



CFL Charlie Says "Come Get Your Free CFL Bulb!"



And the lucky winners are... Bernard Stegman, Lawrence Tasset, Marie Millershaski, Artemio Garcia, Raul Esparza, and Jesse Espino. Come

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