

The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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April 2012



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75th Anniversary Celebration

The winners of the March drawing for a \$75 credit to their electric or natural gas account are:

★ **Victor J. Gornall Sr.**
Presque Isle

★ **Michael R. Shafto**
Atlanta

★ **Edward Horn**
Aiton

CONGRATULATIONS!

Life would be harder without electricity. It would be harder without a T.V. because you would not be able to tell if something good or bad happened. You would not know if school was cancelled. You would not know what the weather was. What if a new show was on and you would miss it? When the electricity does go out you would miss all that excitement!

Life would be harder without a phone because nobody could call you and you could not call anyone either. You would not be able to use your cell phone because you could not charge it.

When the power goes out life is harder for my family because we have to wait until the next day to know the news. You would not be able to call anyone until the next day because you would have to charge your cell phone. In order to charge it you have to have power! Electricity is easier for my family!

Thank you PIE&G for electricity!

Bria Bourgeois, 4th Grader
East Side Elementary, Cheboygan

As part of our 75th anniversary celebration, area schools participated in an essay program. Here is what one student thinks why electricity is needed.

PIE&G PAYS TAXES TOO - \$1,016,906

Not only does Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op pay property taxes on our main office building, but we also pay property taxes on infrastructure including all poles, underground electric lines and natural gas pipeline. In 2011 we paid \$1,016,906 in property taxes to the various cities and townships we serve. Currently, we pay property taxes in 31 townships for natural gas infrastructure and 61 townships for electric infrastructure. While those taxes do not appear as a line item on your bill, they, like all expenses required to provide service to members, are factored into rates.

Owned By Those We Serve . . . Locally Controlled . . . Committed to Community . . . Not For Profit

NATURAL GAS RATES TO BE ADJUSTED EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

Your natural gas rates are changing effective April 1. The Gas Cost Recovery Factor will decrease more than 9 cents from \$0.6697/ccf to \$0.5764/ccf. In addition adjustments to the distribution rates will be made as indicated in the table below.

	Residential/Base		General Service		Industrial	
	Current	Apr 2012	Current	Apr 2012	Current	Apr 2012
Availability - \$/mo.	\$11	\$12	\$16	\$17	\$188	\$188
Distribution - \$/ccf*	\$0.4615	\$0.4544	\$0.4015	\$0.3203	\$0.2565	\$0.2336
Gas Cost - GCR, \$/ccf	\$0.6697	\$0.5764	\$0.6697	\$0.5764	\$0.6697	\$0.5764
Total - \$/ccf	\$1.1312	\$1.0308	\$1.0712	\$0.8967	\$0.9262	\$0.8100

2012 ENERGY OPTIMIZATION PROGRAMS

Energy Optimization programs give you, as a Michigan resident and business owner, a menu of options to improve the energy efficiency of your home or property. From income specific services to rebates on appliances, PIE&G offers programs that include:

- **Low Income Services**
- **ENERGY STAR® and Energy Saving Products**
- **Appliance Recycling**
- **Efficient Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning**
- **Online Home Audit**
- **Farm**
- **Commercial and Industrial Services**



Questions?

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Small Commercial Comparison (in cents per kWh) For MPSC-Regulated Electric Utilities

As of March 1, 2012

	25 kW 5000 kWh
COOPERATIVE	
PIE&G	\$10.94
Midwest Energy	\$11.14
Thumb Electric	\$12.41
Alpena Power	\$12.49
Detroit Edison/DTE	\$13.28

Source: Michigan Public Service Commission
<http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/mpsc/gas/electric/download/rates1.pdf>



VACATION OVER

Don't forget to contact our office to let us know you are back from vacation. You will need to provide a current meter reading on your electric and/or natural gas accounts and change your address back to your current residence.