

# The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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February 2018

## ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Youth Tour Applications Due  
February 28, 2018!



THERE'S NO TELLING  
HOW *Youth Tour*  
WILL INSPIRE YOU.

More than 1,500 students from all across America take part in the Youth Tour experience each year, and so can you! Travel to Washington, D.C., where you will meet your U.S. Senators and Representatives. This unique trip will give you the opportunity to watch history come alive as you explore the museums, memorials and monuments with students from your state. You will meet student leaders from nearly every state and hear dynamic leaders on Youth Day. Bottom line, you will make friendships that will last a lifetime and be part of a group that has more than 50,000 alumni in every walk of life including U.S. Senators and CEOs.

Learn more at [CooperativeYouthTour.com](http://CooperativeYouthTour.com).

## 2018 TREE CLEARING



PIE&G will soon begin its 2018 vegetation management program in selected areas. Private contractors will be removing trees and limbs to prevent interference with overhead power lines. Keeping trees and brush cleared within power line rights of way (ROW) helps PIE&G maintain safe and reliable electric service.

Members residing in **Cheboygan, Grand Lake, Hawks, Hillman, Onaway and Posen** will be notified by mail for ROW clearing work in their area. PIE&G will also continue working on removal of dead, dying, or diseased trees, especially trees that may impact three-phase power lines.

Please call 1-800-423-6634 to speak to a Member Services Representative if you have any questions.

## PSCR FACTOR CHANGES

As published in the November *Spotlight*, at a special open board meeting held September 26, 2017, the Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op board of directors reviewed and adopted the following changes to the Cooperative's electric tariffs and rules, in accordance with P.A. 167: set the 2017 Power Supply Cost Recovery Factor (PSCR) to a maximum of (-\$.00059/kWh) (negative) per kWh, effective with bills rendered on or after February 1, 2018.

For specific details of any Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op tariffs, rules or fees, please call us at 1-800-423-6634 or visit our website at [www.pieg.com/electricrates](http://www.pieg.com/electricrates).

## REMINDER:



The PIE&G Communities  
First Fund scholarship  
applications are  
due by March 1st.

Find out more at [pieg.com/community](http://pieg.com/community).

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## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

*Please Call to Update Your Phone Number*

During emergencies, it is critical for utilities to respond immediately and shut down services to prevent catastrophic property damage and prevent serious injury. If there is a natural gas emergency, it may be necessary for PIE&G to shut down service. During winter when a gas furnace is heating the home, it's necessary that PIE&G has a current daytime or mobile phone number to quickly reach you for emergency notifications, and to schedule reconnection of your service.

If you leave the home for winter or for any extended length of time beyond a week, please call us with the name and phone number of a family member or local contact in case of emergency.

*Call our Member Service Reps at 1-800-423-6634 to update your account, especially if your number has changed or if you no longer have a land line and have switched to a cell phone.*



## SAFETY AND DOWNED POWER LINES

- Call 911 and PIE&G immediately!
- Stay away from power lines! An energized line may not be sparking or arcing and lines that appear to be "dead" can become energized as crews work to restore power.
- **Assume all low hanging and downed lines are energized and dangerous.**
- If a person or object is in contact with a power line, don't touch the person, object or line. The electric current could flow through you.
- If your vehicle is in contact with a power line, stay inside the car. Warn others not to touch the car or the power line.
- Never drive over a downed line as snagging a line could pull down a pole or other equipment and cause other hazards.
- Only if you must leave your vehicle (such as to escape a fire), jump clear to avoid being in contact with the car and the ground at the same time. Once you are out, shuffle your feet so both remain in contact with the ground as you move away or roll away from the car.



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