

Special
Seasonal
2010 Edition

Power Chat



PIE&G
PROVIDING THE ELECTRIC AND GAS CO-OP

A Trillium Energy Cooperative

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

PIE&G's ENERGY OPTIMIZATION PROGRAMS

To help you save energy and money, we offer an array of programs to help lower your costs and allow you to take advantage of energy efficiency rebates. **For more information about these or any of our other Energy Optimization (EO) offerings, click on the EO link on our home page at PIEG.com, visit Michigan-energy.org, or call the EO Customer Service Center toll free at 1-877-296-4319.**

Appliance Recycling Program **\$30 Rebate!**

Chances are that old, secondary refrigerator or freezer running in your garage or basement is also running up your electric bill. That's because these older inefficient appliances can use as much as three times the energy as newer models, which can add up on your electric bill. But now there's an easy solution! We'll pick up your older *working* appliance for free and you'll pick up \$30 in cash when you recycle it. So do something good for yourself, good for the environment, and lower your energy bills too.



Online Energy Audit Program **FREE energy savings kit!**

Complete a full profile Online Energy Audit and you will receive a **FREE energy savings kit!** Use our online tools and resources to help you better understand and manage your home energy use and costs.



★ **Energy Star® CFL Rebate Coupon**

★ PIE&G electric members with an active service account may purchase Energy Star® certified CFLs from any retailer. Limited to \$12 per account. To receive \$1 rebate per CFL, submit this coupon with your sales receipt to:

PIE&G-Energy Star® Rebate
3474 Alaiedon Parkway, Suite 600
Okemos, MI 48865



\$12
Maximum
Rebate per
Account

★ Coupon expires December 31, 2010 and has no cash value. Rebates subject to change and availability. Do not return coupon with PIE&G bill payment or to the co-op. For more information call toll free 1-877-296-4319 or visit michigan-energy.org.

★ **Required Information:**

★ PIE&G Account No. _____

★ Name _____

★ _____

★ City, State, ZIP _____

★ Phone _____ # of CFLs _____



What is an Availability Charge?

The "Availability" Charge is a combination of costs necessary to bring natural gas and electricity to your doorstep – energy is "available" to you at all times and at your convenience 24/7. The Availability Charge recovers taxes, depreciation and insurance on equipment in the field as well as the maintenance and repairs of our distribution system.

Even though you may not be using energy, the overhead and underground lines, poles, meters and transformers all need to be in place to bring the energy to you when you need it. In other words, these system costs are still incurred by PIE&G, regardless of the amount of energy used. All members, whether on monthly or annual billing, pay an availability charge. Most utilities, like DTE and Consumers Energy, include an availability charge in their rates, even if it doesn't appear as a line item on their bills.

Currently, your cooperative does not fully recover all of the cost of your distribution system through this availability charge, as that actual cost for a residential service is about \$22 per month.

2009 Capital Credit Allocation

Member-owners are assigned capital credits (sometimes called 'patronage capital') from year-end financial margins, in proportion to the amount of business or patronage done with the cooperative. In 2009, our electric division produced an overall margin of \$1,507,276 and our natural gas division produced an overall margin of \$204,848 for a cooperative margin of \$1,712,124. Your proportionate share of this allocation depends on which service you have with us (electric, gas or both) and will be noted on an upcoming bill.

These margins represent contribution of operating capital by the membership to the cooperative. This capital allows PIE&G to finance its operations – to a certain extent – including new construction and capital improvements, with the intent that this capital will be repaid to you in later years.

Keep in mind that capital credit allocations are retired (refunded) at the discretion of the Board of Directors. They remain as a 'credit' in your patronage capital account until then. As such, the capital credit amount is not available as a deduction from your energy bill nor can they be used as payment for any other services provided by PIE&G until the Board actually 'retires' or refunds them back to you. PIE&G last retired \$473,033 in capital credits for patronage years 1980 and 1981.

If you have any questions concerning your capital credit allocation from 2009, please contact our Member Service Department at 989-733-8515 or toll free at 1-800-423-6634.

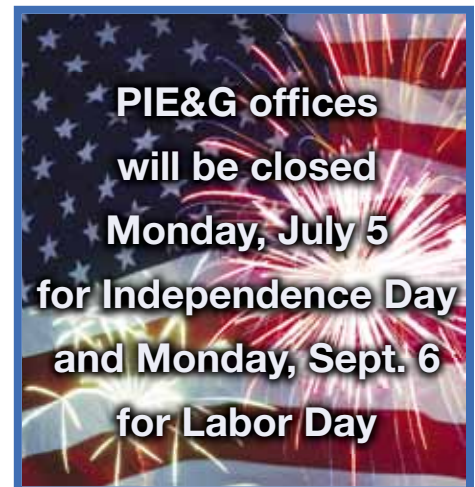
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TWN, long distance phone service and natural gas service are not regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission.



2009-10 BILLING SUMMARY*

Availability Charge:

Residential	(Monthly Availability @ \$12/mo)	\$144.00
Seasonal	(Annual Availability @ \$13/mo)	\$156.00

Kilowatt Charge (Distribution + Energy):

	Distribution Cost + Energy Cost	
Residential	2.6089/kwh + 5.65/kwh =	8.2589¢/kwh
Seasonal	6.2450/kwh + 5.65/kwh =	11.895¢/kwh

*Seasonal accounts with annual consumption greater than 7200 kWh are eligible for monthly billing at the residential rate for the next billing year upon written request. Seasonal accounts must maintain 7200 kWh each billing year to remain on residential rate.