

The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative



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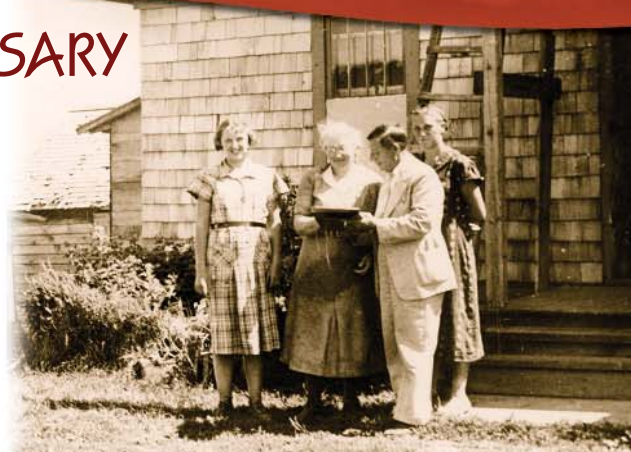
PIE&G CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

International Year of the Cooperative

On September 22, 1937 the first cooperative electric pole in the state of Michigan was set by Presque Isle Electric Cooperative – now Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op - near Posen, Michigan. Incorporated on March 22, 1937, PIE&G energized the first Michigan cooperative power line on December 23, 1937, bringing electricity to area farmers just in time for Christmas.

In 2012, PIE&G along with other electric cooperatives will celebrate 75 years of operation. To recognize this historic event, the United Nations proclaimed 2012 as the “International Year of the Cooperative”.

PIE&G will commemorate this achievement with special activities throughout the year for member appreciation including prize drawings, building tours, school visits, and community events. Plans are also underway to publish a book depicting our history and the men and women whose contributions helped bring electricity and natural gas service to residents in Northeast Michigan. If you have a story, photo or other historical artifact we might use in this or co-op publications, we'd like to hear from you. Please share your story by writing to: **PIE&G, Attention: History, P O Box 308, Onaway, MI 49765. The deadline for submission is February 15, 2012.**



NATURAL GAS PIPELINE MARKERS & EMERGENCY SERVICE

Natural gas pipelines are buried and may be marked. However, the markers may not always show the exact location of the pipelines, or the direction they following.

PIE&G's special gas leak hotline is **800.655.8565**. This number is designated for gas leak reporting only. Operators cannot take or transfer calls relating to other topics. PIE&G has emergency service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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PIPELINE INTEGRITY

To protect the integrity of our natural gas pipeline system, we inspect and perform maintenance, such as corrosion-control and leak surveys, and replace pipeline when necessary. For your safety, our employees are trained to monitor and inspect our pipeline system and respond quickly to any natural gas emergency.

If you smell gas or need to report a gas emergency, please call us at **800-655-8565**.

HOME HEATING CREDITS

PIE&G accepts 'Energy Drafts' issued to members eligible for a Home Heating Credit if it is used to pay a home heating bill and the name on the energy draft matches the name on the account. Both parties must sign to endorse payment if the draft is issued in two names. Visit

www.michigan.gov/heatingassistance and click on Home Heating Credit for more information.

Residential Rate Comparison For MPSC-Regulated Electric Utilities*

As of December 1, 2011

UTILITY	1,000 kWh Monthly Bill
Cloverland Co-op	\$115.32
Consumers Energy	\$118.96
Midwest Energy Co-op	\$120.33
PIE&G	\$123.64
Great Lakes Energy	\$127.83
Thumb Electric Co-op	\$127.90
Alpena Power	\$133.83
Detroit Edison/DTE	\$143.67
Ontonagon County REA	\$195.92

*This chart includes all regulated cooperatives in the State of Michigan and other Northeast Michigan utilities.

Source: Michigan Public Service Commission
www.dleg.state.mi.us/mpsc/electric/download/rates2.pdf



PIE&G Communities First Fund Scholarships

The PIE&G Communities First Fund awards up to three scholarships per year for graduating high school seniors who are dependents of a PIE&G member and plan to attend Alpena Community College, Kirtland Community College or North Central Michigan College. Applications are available online at www.pieg.com or by calling (800) 423-6634, ext. 813. The deadline for completed applications is March 31st.

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