

# The Spotlight

**PIE&G**  
PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC AND GAS CO-OP



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## 2012 ENERGY OPTIMIZATION PROGRAMS

*New year. New Programs. New ways to save.*

Good news! Rebates and incentives are now available from your co-op to help manage your electric bill. Your cooperative is part of a collaborative group of Michigan electricity providers that offers Energy Optimization programs that serve valuable members, like you. These programs help reward your energy-saving actions.

This year we have updated programs to help you get more from your cooperative - more comfort, more savings and more living. Plus, you'll gain understanding and information on how to better manage your energy use. For more information about what Energy Optimization programs are available to you in 2012, visit [michigan-energy.org](http://michigan-energy.org) and follow the links to PIE&G or call 1-877-296-4319.



## HEY, CO-OP TEENS!

*Take a chance on fun and you might win a free trip to D.C.*



The Michigan Electric Cooperative Youth Leadership Summit (formerly known as Teen Days) is designed to help individuals grow as a leader. This unique, high-energy event revolves around team-building and group learning. In addition, students get an opportunity to meet other students from around the state, test their skill at climbing a utility pole, and visit a working green-energy wind farm.

The Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) takes place on April 18-20, 2012 at the Kettunen 4-H Conference Center near Cadillac. As a participant, you will learn about electrical safety, career opportunities, and the democratic process. Plus, there'll be plenty of time to relax and have fun in the beautiful natural surroundings with new friends you'll meet from co-ops across the state.

Students chosen to attend YLS will automatically be considered to win a trip to the National Rural Electric YOUTH TOUR in Washington, D.C., June 16-21, 2012. With 1,500 students from electric co-ops nationwide, participants will see the sights, learn about the history of the United States, and electric co-ops.

If you are a sophomore or junior (age 16 and 17 in 2012) and your family receives electric service from PIE&G, you are eligible to apply to the Youth Leadership Summit. Visit [pieg.com](http://pieg.com) or contact Sharon at (800) 423-6634, ext 813 for an application. Applications are due by March 9, 2012.

**Learn more about YLS and Youth Tour at [www.countrylines.com](http://www.countrylines.com), click on "Youth."**



## RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING

The 2012 vegetation management program begins this winter in parts of the PIE&G service area and will later include other counties too, as private contractors remove trees and limbs near power lines. Keeping trees cleared within power line rights of way (ROW) helps PIE&G maintain safe and reliable electric service. Work planned for later this year in other areas will appear in a future issue.

You will be notified by letter if ROW re-clearing work is planned near you. Please be sure we have your current billing address and primary phone number so we can contact you if needed. Questions about our ROW re-clearing program should be directed to our Member Services department, at **800-423-6634**.

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## 75TH ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE WINNERS

In celebration of PIE&G's 75th anniversary in 2012, three lucky members will be randomly selected each month to receive a \$75 credit on their active electric or natural gas account. Winners will be selected monthly from each of our 3 billing cycles. Each member is eligible to win one time only. PIE&G directors and employees are excluded as well as previous winners.

The January winners are:

Dallas Hyde, Onaway  
Keith Atkinson, Lewiston  
Debra Eggenschwiller, Cheboygan



### Residential Rate Comparison For MPSC-Regulated Gas Utilities

As of January 1, 2012

UTILITY	100 ccf Monthly Bill
MichCon/DTE	\$ 89.48
<b>PIE&amp;G</b>	<b>\$124.12</b>
Aurora Gas*	\$126.75
Propane Equivalent**	\$272.16

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