

# The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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## NATURAL GAS RATES DECREASED EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

Your natural gas rates are changing effective April 1. The Gas Cost Recovery Factor (GCR) will decrease – for the fourth year in a row - more than 3 cents from \$0.5764 per ccf to \$0.5417 per ccf. The monthly and distribution charges will remain the same.

	Residential	General Service	Industrial
Monthly	\$12	\$17	\$188
Distribution (/ccf)	\$0.4544	\$0.3203	\$0.2336
GCR (/ccf)	\$0.5417	\$0.5417	\$0.5417
Total (\$/ccf)	\$0.9961	\$0.8620	\$0.7753



## VACATION OVER?

Don't forget to call to let us know you are back! We'll need your current meter readings on electric and natural gas accounts when you return. We'll also insure your billing address reverts back to your permanent local address. Do you have a new cell phone or have you eliminated your land line phone? Be sure to update us with your current daytime number so we can reach you for important updates or in an emergency.

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**9-1-1 calls have faster response time, with easy readable street numbers.**

In an emergency, the firemen, policemen and EMS may have difficulty finding your house if your address numbers are not easy to see from the street. This delay may be the difference between life and death.

- Numbers should be of **contrasting or reflective colors** to their background and not less than 4 inches in height.
- The proper use and display of street addresses are assigned by your municipality. **Check to be sure you are using the correct street numbers.**
- In the absence of a mailbox, use a post placed adjacent to the driveway, with address numbers on both sides.

## PIE&G Pays Taxes Too - \$1,029,814

Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op not only pays property taxes on our main office location, but we also pay taxes on all infrastructure including poles, underground electric lines and natural gas pipeline. In 2012, PIE&G paid \$1,029,814 in property taxes to communities in our service area. Currently, your co-op pays property taxes in 31 townships for natural gas infrastructure and in 61 townships for electric infrastructure. These taxes do not appear as a line item on your utility bill but they are factored into rates, as are all expenses required to provide service.



Turn that old refrigerator or freezer into **green**.

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