

The Spotlight



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A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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Sign Up For The **BUDGET PLAN!**

your annual energy costs into equal monthly payments. It's a great way to help manage your household budget.

The Budget Plan starts September 1st each year and runs through August 31st. We estimate your energy bills for the coming year based on your use for the previous 12 months. The annual total is averaged and divided into 11 equal payments. For the 12th month (September), we reconcile your account. If you used more energy than you paid for, your September bill will include the difference. If you used less and overpaid, you'll receive a credit in September.



If you are already enrolled in the Budget Plan, there is no need to take any action. Your enrollment will continue. **If you are enrolled in Auto Pay Plan, please review your September bill to insure sufficient funds are available to cover your reconciliation balance, which may be higher than your usual budget payment.**

Eligibility requirements apply. Members participating in assistance programs, such as the Winter Protection and Shut-off Protection Plan, are NOT eligible for the Budget Plan.

Mark The Date

The PIE&G annual meeting is scheduled for **October 25th** at the Onaway High School. Your next issue of *Country Lines* will include your mail-in ballot, information on director candidates, and annual report.

Reduce energy costs.

"Close the refrigerator!" Remember hearing that as a kid? No one likes wasting energy. When you upgrade to a new ENERGY STAR® refrigerator not only will you save energy, but you can also get a \$20 Energy Optimization rebate.

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How Can I Help My Community?



It easy – just sign up for the PIE&G Communities First Fund! Your average cost is about 50 cents a month (or less than a dollar per year if billed annually). When members volunteer to “round up” their utility bill to the next whole dollar, small donations add up to make a big difference in northeast Michigan. Please consider participating in the PIE&G Communities First Fund by:

- Calling our Member Services Department at 1-800-423-6634,
- Mailing the coupon below with your next payment, or
- Enrolling by email to billing@pieg.com

YES, I want to help my community! Please enroll me in the Communities First Fund.

Name _____ PIE&G Account(s) No. _____

Street Address _____ Account No. _____

City/State/Zip _____ Signature _____

Congratulations!

to **Brianna Fitzpatrick**
(Onaway)
for being selected as the
Michigan representative to the
NRECA Youth
Leadership
Council.



Is Your CONTACT INFORMATION on File?

It is important that PIE&G can contact you from time to time by phone or mail regarding your account, to alert you to planned outages, maintenance work or repairs, or to confirm your service has been restored during weather related outages.

If you discontinued your home telephone land line and now use a cell phone, or if your phone number or address has recently changed, please call us as soon as possible to update information so we can contact you during an emergency or when necessary.

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