

# The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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April 2014

## NATURAL GAS RATES TO BE ADJUSTED EFFECTIVE APRIL 1



Natural gas rates are changing effective April 1. The Gas Cost Recovery Factor will **decrease** more than 8 cents from \$0.5417/ccf to \$0.4614/ccf. The monthly availability and distribution charges will remain the same.

	Residential	General Service	Industrial
	April 2014	April 2014	April 2014
Availability	\$12	\$17	\$188
Distribution	\$0.4544/ccf	\$0.3203/ccf	\$0.2336/ccf
GCR	\$0.4614/ccf	\$0.4614/ccf	\$0.4614/ccf
Total, \$/ccf	\$0.9158/ccf	\$0.7817/ccf	\$0.6950/ccf

## SAFETY IN NUMBERS SAVES LIVES & PROPERTY!

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

In an emergency, 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.

## SPRING FORWARD WITH FASTER INTERNET

**Exede High Speed Internet** lets you surf the web, check e-mails, shop online and download your favorite movies, shows and songs the way you want – super-fast! It's the Internet service that delivers 140% of its advertised speed!\*

**PIE&G members enjoy these bonus offers:**

**FREE ACTIVATION** \$150 fee waived!

**MONTHLY DISCOUNTS** \$5.00 off every month as long as you're a subscriber!

**Call 888-256-8348 or visit [www.localexede.com](http://www.localexede.com)**



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# PIE&G Pays Taxes Too - \$1,051,676.88

Not only does Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op pay property taxes on our main office building, but we also pay property taxes on all poles, underground electric lines and natural gas pipeline. In 2013 we paid \$1,051,676.88 in property taxes to the various cities and townships we serve. Currently, we pay property taxes in 31 townships for natural gas infrastructure and 61 townships for electric infrastructure. While those taxes do not appear as a line item on your bill; they, like all expenses required to provide service to members, are factored into rates.



*PIE&G will be closed April 19th in observance of Good Friday. Office will be open for business on Monday, April 21st.*

## VACATION OVER?

Don't forget to contact our office to let us know you are back from vacation. You will need to provide a current meter reading on your electric and/or natural gas accounts and change your address back to your current residence.



## How Can I Help My Community?

It's 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 at [billing@pieg.com](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

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*Most natural gas rates and charges are not regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission. TWN, long distance phone service is not regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission.*