

The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

What's Inside

- Capital Credits to be Retired
- LIEAF Charge Decreases
- Annual Meeting Schedule
- Furnace Check-Stay Warm & Safe
- The Value of Electricity

October 2014

PIE&G DIRECTORS RETURN NEARLY \$867,000 TO MEMBERS

Capital Credits from 1983 & 1984 to be Retired

Earlier this year, the PIE&G board of directors took action to retire capital credits in the amount of approximately \$867,000. Members who received service in 1983 or in 1984 will receive an amount of the above in proportion to their energy use. **Checks will be mailed in the second half of October.**

PIE&G is a member-owned, not-for-profit organization. When revenues exceed expenses, the co-op generates "capital" that is credited to individual members on a pro rata basis depending on their "patronage" or purchase of electricity or natural gas. As the financial condition of the co-op permits, capital credits are then "retired" or refunded to its members.

Until capital credits are refunded, they may be used as capital to build and maintain the distribution facilities needed to serve you. It makes sense – dollars and cents – to give credit back to the members who helped build this cooperative through capital credits!

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUND (LIEAF) CHARGE CHANGES FROM 99 CENTS TO 97 CENTS



On July 1, 2013, Governor Rick Snyder signed into law Public Act 95, creating the Low Income Energy Assistance Fund or "LIEAF" that authorizes the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) to raise up to \$50 million for low income energy assistance payments. The money

would come from a surcharge of no more than \$1 per meter per month for all Michigan electric utilities participating in the LIEAF.

On July 22, 2014, the MPSC changed the surcharge to 97 cents per meter per month. The surcharge is limited to electric bills only and to one electric residential meter per residential site. The surcharge will change from 99 cents to 97 cents on electric bills generated on or after October 1, 2014 for service rendered in September.

MONTHLY DISCOUNTS AND FREE ACTIVATION
\$10 OFF EVERY BILL FOR 12 MONTHS AND
\$150 ACTIVATION FEE WAIVED!



ON HIGH-SPEED INTERNET



SUPER FAST
Speeds up
to 12 Mbps

**PROMPT &
PROFESSIONAL**
Installation

RELIABLE
Customer
Support 24/7

AFFORDABLE
Service for
about \$2 a day

Exede High Speed Internet lets you enjoy your favorite websites, keep in touch with family and friends, 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!*

Call 888-256-8348 for member discount

*FCC, 2013 Measuring Broadband America

Plan on Attending the PIE&G Annual Meeting

Friday, October 24th • Posen High School

Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. • Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

The September/October issue of *Country Lines* contains your mail-in ballot for the Board of Directors election. Ballots must be returned by October 17th.

Owned By Those We Serve . . . Locally Controlled . . . Committed to Community . . . Not For Profit

October 2014



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

Owned By Those We Serve . . . Locally Controlled . . . Committed to Community . . . Not For Profit

FALL FURNACE CHECKUP

Stay Warm, Stay Safe & Save Energy

An annual checkup of your furnace by a licensed heating contractor can help reduce your heating costs and is one of the best ways to help prevent deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.

A checkup now can keep you from waking up in the middle of the night to a cold house later. It could also save lives. Here are other easy ways to help keep your furnace running safely and efficiently all winter.

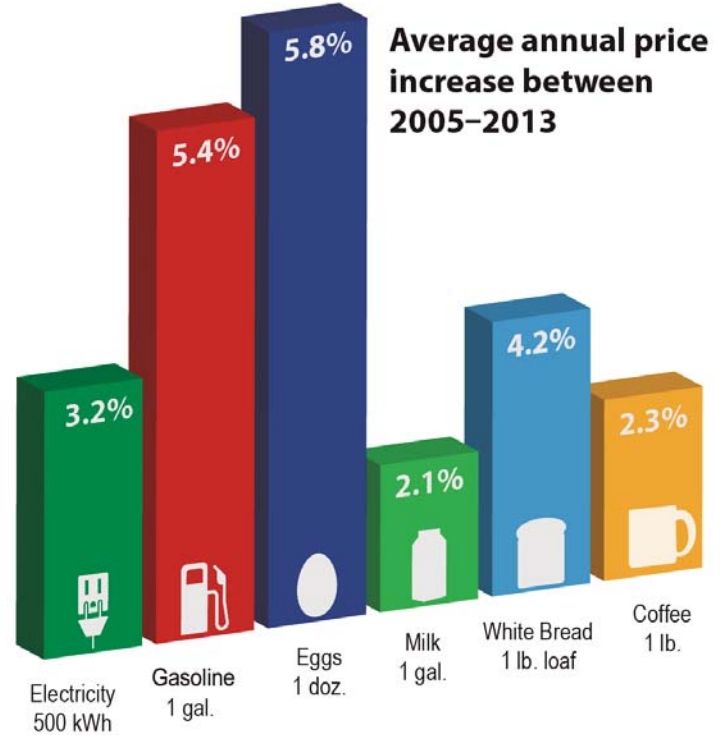
- Check for rust and corrosion on the vent pipe connected to the chimney.
- Check flues or vents for cracks and obstructions.
- Check the filter once a month and replace it if it is worn or dirty.
- Check the owner's manual to see if the blower motor should be lubricated.



For more tips, visit energystar.gov.

Electricity Remains a Good Value

Electricity continues to be a bargain, especially when compared to other consumer goods. As demand for energy rises and fuel prices increase, your electric cooperative is committed to providing safe, reliable electricity and keeping your electric bill affordable.



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Mainstream Graphics

Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op

19831 M-68 Hwy • P.O. Box 308 • Onaway, MI 49765
989-733-8515 • 800-423-6634
www.pieg.com

GAS EMERGENCY ONLY
1-800-655-8565

*We will gladly accept your Visa,
MasterCard, Discover or American Express.*



No additional charge for using your credit card.

TWN, long distance phone service and natural gas service are not regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH

