

# The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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October 2015

## REVISED ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE



*in Onaway*

The Annual Meeting notice in the September Spotlight for bills with due dates of Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> and Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> was incorrect.

The 2015 annual meeting will be held in Onaway on Friday, Oct. 23.

We apologize for the error and any confusion.



In accordance with its bylaws, PIE&G will conduct its annual meeting of the membership on **Friday, October 23rd at Onaway High School.** Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The General Business

session will begin at 10:00 a.m. Members will hear various reports on their cooperative. The meeting will conclude with director election results and door prizes. Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the meeting.

For more information on the annual meeting and your director candidate ballot, please refer to your September/October issue of *Country Lines* magazine.

Mark you calendar and plan to attend!

## LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUND (LIEAF) CHARGE

On July 1, 2013, Gov. Snyder signed into law Public Act 95, creating the Low Income Energy Assistance Fund or "LIEAF", authorizing the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) to raise up to \$50 million annually 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 program.

On July 23, 2015, the MPSC increased the monthly surcharge from 97 cents to 98 cents per meter for the September 2015 to August 2016 billing months. The surcharge is limited to electric bills only and to one electric residential meter per residential site. The increase will be effective on PIE&G's electric bills generated on or after Oct. 1, 2015, for service rendered in September. Annual bills will be prorated accordingly.

## NATURAL GAS RATES RETURNING TO PREVIOUS LEVEL

From April to September 2015, PIE&G temporarily reduced the Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) from \$0.5417/ccf to \$0.4829/ccf. However, increases in transportation costs in the region have resulted in higher natural gas costs to the cooperative.

Effective with bills rendered in October, natural gas rates will be as indicated here. Note that **only the GCR is changing**, by returning to the previous level of \$0.5417/ccf.

	Residential	Gen. Service	Industrial
	October 2015	October 2015	October 2015
<b>Monthly</b>	\$12	\$17	\$188
<b>Distribution</b>	\$0.4544/ccf	\$0.3203/ccf	\$0.2336/ccf
<b>GCR</b>	<b>\$0.5417/ccf</b>	<b>\$0.5417/ccf</b>	<b>\$0.5417/ccf</b>
<b>Total, \$/ccf</b>	\$0.9961/ccf	\$0.8620/ccf	\$0.7753/ccf

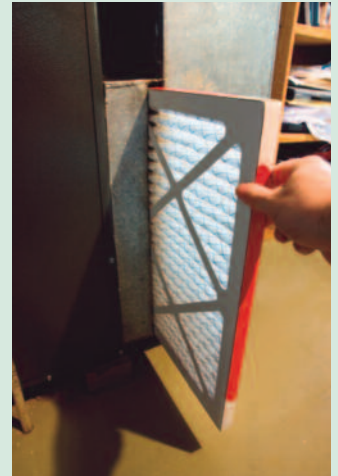
## FALL FURNACE CHECK UP

*STAY WARM, STAY SAFE AND 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](http://energystar.gov)

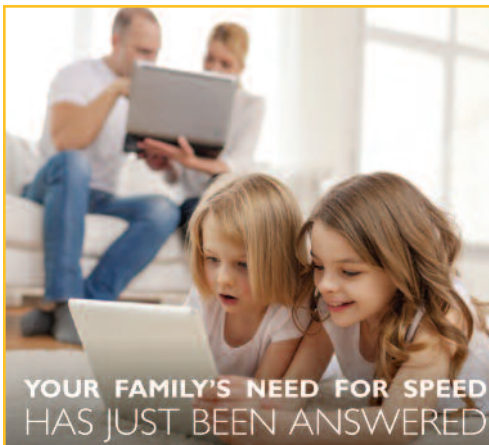


Come visit us at PIE&G in October and celebrate national cooperative month.

## CAPITAL CREDIT REFUNDS



If you took service from PIE&G in 1983-86 or in 2004, please watch the mail for your capital credit refund check. **Checks will be mailed the last week of October.**



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