

The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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February 2017

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Youth Tour Applications Due By February 28, 2017!



THERE'S NO TELLING
HOW Youth Tour
WILL INSPIRE YOU.

More than 1,500 students from all across America take part in the Youth Tour experience each year, and so can you! Travel to Washington, D.C., where you will meet your U.S. Representatives and Senators. This unique trip will give you the opportunity to watch history come alive as you explore the museums, memorials and monuments with students from your state. You will meet student leaders from nearly every state and hear dynamic leaders on Youth Day. Bottom line, you will make friendships that will last a lifetime and be part of a group that has more than 50,000 alumni in every walk of life including U.S. Senators and CEOs.

Learn more at CooperativeYouthTour.com.

2017 TREE CLEARING

PIE&G will soon begin its 2017 vegetation management program in selected areas. Private contractors will be removing trees and limbs to prevent interference with overhead power lines. Keeping trees and brush cleared within power line rights of way (ROW) helps PIE&G maintain safe and reliable electric service.

Members residing in **Cheboygan, Hillman, Onaway** and **Posen** will be notified by letter for ROW clearing work in their area. PIE&G will also continue

working on removal of dead, dying, or diseased trees, especially trees that may impact three-phase power lines.

Please call 1-800-423-6634 to speak to a Member Services Representative if you have any questions.



PSCR FACTOR & OUTDOOR LIGHTING RATE CHANGES

As published in the November *Spotlight*, at a special open board meeting held September 27, 2016, the Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op board of directors reviewed and adopted the following changes to the Cooperative's electric tariffs and rules, in accordance with P.A. 167:

- 1) Set the 2017 Power Supply Cost Recovery Factor (PSCR) at \$0.00087 per kWh, effective with bills rendered on or after February 1, 2017. The increase is due to expected increases in wholesale energy supply costs.
- 2) Revised the Outdoor Lighting Service tariff (Schedule OD) as reflected in the chart (right).

For specific details of any Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op tariffs, rules or fees, please call us at 1-800-423-6634 or visit our website at www.pieg.com/electricrates.

Outdoor Lighting Service Rates Effective February 1, 2017

Type of Device	Current Monthly Rate	Proposed Monthly Rate	Difference
175W MV	\$12.00	\$11.40	(\$0.60)
400W MV	\$21.74	\$19.70	(\$2.04)
100W HPS	\$8.55	\$9.00	\$0.45
250W HPS	\$14.68	\$14.80	\$0.12
LED 40W	\$7.30	\$6.80	(\$0.50)
LED 70W	\$7.30	\$7.70	\$0.40

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EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Please Call to Update Your Phone Number

During emergencies, it is critical for utilities to respond immediately and shut down services to prevent catastrophic property damage and prevent serious injury. That's why it's necessary that PIE&G has a current daytime phone number to quickly reach you for emergency notifications.

If there is a natural gas emergency, it may be necessary for PIE&G to enter the home to shut down service inside. If you leave the home for winter or any extended length of time, please call to provide PIE&G with the name and phone number of a local contact in case of emergency.

If your phone number has changed, or if you no longer have a land line and switched to a cell phone, please call Member Services at 1-800-423-6634 to update your records.



SAFETY AND DOWNED POWER LINES

- Call 911 and PIE&G immediately!
- Stay away from power lines. A power line does not need to be sparking or arcing to be energized. Lines that appear to be "dead" can become energized as crews work to restore power.
- Assume all low hanging and downed lines are energized and dangerous.
- If a person or object is in contact with a power line, don't touch the person, object or line. The electric current could flow through you.
- If your vehicle is in contact with a power line, stay inside the car. Warn others not to touch the car or the power line.
- Never drive over a downed line as snagging a line could pull down a pole or other equipment and cause other hazards.
- Only if you must leave your vehicle, jump clear to avoid being in contact with the car and the ground at the same time. Once you are out, shuffle your feet so both remain in contact with the ground as you move away or roll away from the car.



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REMINDER:

The PIE&G Communities First Fund scholarship applications are due by March 1st.

Visit

pieg.com/community for more information.

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