

The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative



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NATURAL GAS RATES DECREASE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

Effective April 1, 2017, natural gas rates will change. The Gas Cost Recovery Factor (GCR) will **decrease** 1.46 cents as the GCR is lowered from \$0.4941 cents to \$0.47950/ccf. The monthly and distribution rates have not changed. Please refer to the table below for a review of charges.

	Residential	General Service	Industrial
Monthly Availability	\$12	\$17	\$188
Distribution/ccf	\$0.37424	\$0.25629	\$0.19383
GCR/ccf	\$0.47950	\$0.47950	\$0.47950
Total (\$/ccf)	\$0.85374	\$0.73579	\$0.67333

VACATION OVER?

Don't forget to call to let us know you are back from vacation! You will need to provide a current meter reading for your electric and/or natural gas account and change your mailing address back to your **permanent local** residence. Access your account, report readings and make payments anytime online at pieg.com or using SmartHub on your tablet or smart phone.



PIE&G PAYS TAXES TOO

Did you know Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op pays property taxes on its main office building and on all poles, underground electric lines and natural gas pipeline? In 2016, PIE&G paid \$1,123,239.89 in property taxes to the various cities and townships served. Currently, PIE&G pays property taxes in 31 townships for natural gas infrastructure and in 61 townships for its electric distribution infrastructure. These taxes do not appear as a line item on your bill, but like all expenses that are required to provide service to members, taxes are factored into rates.

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NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association has designated April 10th as National Lineman Appreciation Day. PIE&G proudly acknowledges its electric linemen and all employees – past and present – for their services. According to CEO Brian Burns, “Our employees deserve all the recognition they can get. All our employees, including electric linemen, work day and night, often in hazardous conditions, to safely restore service. Employees go above and beyond when the power goes out or natural gas service is compromised. I thank and appreciate each and every employee for their hard work and dedication when our members need them most.”

SAFETY IN NUMBERS SAVES LIVES & PROPERTY!

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

In an emergency, fire departments, police and EMS may have difficulty finding your house if your address numbers are not easily seen 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 showing on both sides.



HOW CAN I HELP MY COMMUNITY?

Sign up for the PIE&G Communities First Fund to “round up” your utility bill to the next whole dollar. The average cost is about 50 cents a month (or less than a dollar a year if you’re billed annually). Funds are administered by an independent, all volunteer board and awarded to nonprofit and charitable organizations across northeast Michigan. These small donations add up to make a big difference to help your local communities. It’s easy to enroll –

- Call Member Services Department at 1-800-423-6634 or
- Mail or drop off the coupon below with your next payment.

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

Name _____ Street Address _____

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Account No. _____ Account No. _____

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