

The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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January 2018

NATURAL GAS RATES INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

Effective with bills rendered in January, PIE&G's natural gas rates will be increased for each rate class as indicated. **Please note that only the distribution rate is increasing.** The monthly availability and the Gas Cost Recovery rate (GCR) will remain the same.

	Residential	General Service	Industrial
Monthly (Availability)	\$12	\$17	\$188
Distribution (\$/ccf)	\$0.4293	\$0.292	\$0.2757
GCR (\$/ccf)	\$0.47950	\$0.47950	\$0.47950
Total (\$/ccf)	\$0.9088	\$0.7715	\$0.7552
Increase Amount (\$/ccf)	\$0.05506	\$0.03571	\$0.08187



Communities First Fund

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

The PIE&G Communities First Fund has been awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors since 1999. The scholarship program includes all accredited colleges or universities located in Michigan. The award is \$1,000 and payable upon successful completion of the first semester. The A. Barkley Travis Memorial scholarship (\$500) is also available.

Eligibility requirements and applications are available on-line at pieg.com or by contacting PIE&G at 800-423-6634. **Completed applications with all supporting documentation are due by March 1, 2018.** Scholarships will be awarded by June 1st.

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Youth Tour Applications Due By February 28, 2018!

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.



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



PIPELINE AWARENESS

To promote safety around our natural gas lines, members should be aware of the following information.

GAS LEAK EMERGENCY SERVICE

PIE&G's special gas leak hotline is **800-655-8565**. This number is designated for gas leak reporting **only**. Operators cannot take or transfer calls regarding other requests. PIE&G has emergency service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You must call 911 to report broken or open lines when there is a release of gas.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE MARKERS

Natural gas pipelines are buried and may be marked. However, the pipeline markers may not always show the exact location of underground lines or the direction they follow. Before any digging, please call 811 (**MISS DIG**). This is a free service. Utilities will be marked within 3 business days. Damaging or removing pipeline markers is against the law – punishable by fines and/or jail time.

PIPELINE INTEGRITY

To protect the integrity of our natural gas pipeline system, PIE&G routinely inspects and performs maintenance, such as corrosion-control and leak surveys, and pipeline replacement when necessary. For your safety, our employees are trained to monitor and inspect our pipeline system and respond quickly to any natural gas emergency.



Everyone should be familiar with these notices, even if they don't have natural gas service with PIE&G.

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