

The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Youth Tour Applications Due By February 28, 2019!

Youth Tour is a once-in-a-lifetime, all-expenses-paid leadership travel opportunity for high school sophomores and juniors (going into junior or senior

year after June 2019), sponsored by Michigan's electric cooperatives. From the battlefields of Gettysburg, to the halls of Congress in Washington, D.C., Youth Tour will explore the leadership lessons of our nation's history and immerse you in the cooperative spirit. Learn more about this leadership and travel opportunity at CooperativeYouthTour.com or by calling PIE&G at 800-423-6634, ext. 1011.



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

2019 TREE CLEARING



PIE&G will soon begin its 2019 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. Each circuit is trimmed on a seven year rotation.

Members residing in **Beaver Lake, Canada Creek, Hammond Bay, Hillman, Ocqueoc and Rogers Township** will be notified 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 800-423-6634 to speak to a Member Services Representative if you have any questions.

REMINDER:



**The PIE&G
Scholarship
applications are
due by March 1st.**

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SAFETY AND DOWNED POWER LINES

- Call 911 and PIE&G immediately!
- Stay away from power lines! An energized line may not be sparking or arcing, and 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 (such as to escape a fire), 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 feet remain in contact with the ground as you move away or roll away from the car.



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Please Call to Update Your Phone Number

During emergencies, it is critical for utilities to respond immediately to prevent catastrophic property damage and prevent serious injury. If there is a power outage or natural gas emergency, it may be necessary for PIE&G to shut down service. That's why it's necessary that PIE&G has a current daytime or mobile phone number to quickly reach you for emergency notifications and to schedule reconnection of your service.

If you plan to leave home for winter or for any extended time beyond a week, please call us before you leave with the name and phone number of a family member or local contact in case of emergency.

Call our Member Service Reps at 800-423-6634 to update your account, especially if your number has changed or if you no longer have a land line and have switched to a cell phone.

PSCR FACTOR RATE DECREASES

As published in the November *Spotlight*, at its special open board meeting held September 25, 2018, 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: set the 2019 Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) factor to a maximum of (-\$0.00757 per kWh) (negative) for bills rendered on or after Feb. 1, 2019.

For specific details of any of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op's tariffs, rules or fees, please call us at 800-423-6634 or go online to www.pieg.com/electricrates.

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