

# The Spotlight



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## NATURAL GAS RATES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

Effective April 1, 2019, natural gas rates will change. The Gas Cost Recovery Factor (GCR) will decrease (.0004 cents) as the GCR is lowered from \$0.4158 cents to \$.4154 cents per ccf. The monthly availability and distribution rates have not changed. Please refer to the table below for the itemized charges.

	Residential	General Service	Industrial
Monthly Availability	\$12	\$17	\$188
Distribution/ccf	\$0.4293	\$0.2920	\$0.2757
GCR/ccf	\$0.4154	\$0.4154	\$0.4154
Total (\$/ccf)	\$0.8447	\$0.7074	\$0.6911

## VACATION OVER?

Don't forget to call to let us know you're back from vacation! You'll also 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 with SmartHub at [pieg.com](http://pieg.com) or download our free SmartHub app to 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 2018, PIE&G paid \$1,167,527.73 in property taxes to the various cities and townships served. Currently, PIE&G pays property taxes in 46 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 utility service to members, taxes are factored into rates.

## PIE&G Office Closed For Good Friday

PIE&G will be closed on Friday, April 19, in observance of Good Friday. Access your account 24/7 at [pieg.com](http://pieg.com) or using the free SmartHub app for your tablet or smartphone. You may also pay or report readings anytime by calling 1-866-999-4571. Payments by check only (no cash) may be made in the drop box and will be posted on the next open business day.



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## LINEWORKERS APPRECIATION DAY

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association has designated April 8th as National Lineworkers Appreciation Day. PIE&G proudly acknowledges its electric lineworkers and all of its employees – past and present - for their services. According to CEO Tom Sobek, “All of our employees, including electric linemen, work day and night, often in hazardous conditions, to safely restore service. Employees work together and go above and beyond when the power goes out or natural gas service is compromised. I thank and appreciate each and every one of them for their hard work and dedication when our members need them the 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 awards are made to local 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Most natural gas rates and charges are not regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission.*