

The Spotlight



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April 2022

NATURAL GAS RATES TO INCREASE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

Effective April 1, 2022, natural gas rates will increase. The Gas Cost Recovery Factor (GCR) will be raised from \$0.3642 to \$0.4161 per ccf (a \$0.0519 increase). The distribution rate will not change. Please refer to the table below for the itemized charges and net effect for each rate class per ccf. The monthly availability charge will remain the same for each class.

	Residential	General Service	Industrial
Monthly Availability	\$12	\$17	\$188
Distribution/ccf	\$0.48914	\$0.32273	\$0.27570
GCR/ccf	\$0.41610	\$0.41610	\$0.41610
Total (\$/ccf)	\$0.90524	\$0.73883	\$0.69180

The rising costs of wholesale energy, specifically the transition away from coal generation of electricity to natural gas, is the main factor for the increase. The greater demand for natural gas creates pressure on supplies, which in turn affects costs.



PIE&G will be closed on **Good Friday, April 15**. Our office will reopen for business again on Monday, April 18.

Access your account anytime on your PC or tablet at pieg.com, or using our free SmartHub mobile app. You may also make a payment or report readings anytime by calling 1-866-999-4571.

PIE&G PAYS TAXES TOO

Did you know Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op is required to pay property taxes on its main office building and on all poles, underground electric lines and natural gas pipeline? In 2021, PIE&G was required to pay \$1,365,423.38 in property taxes to the various cities and townships served. Revenue generated from property taxes is generally used to fund local projects and services including fire departments, law enforcement, local public recreation, and education.

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, property taxes are factored into rates.

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 are awarded to nonprofit and charitable organizations across northeast Michigan. These small donations add up to make a big difference to help your local communities – from school age students to senior citizens, and to food pantries and first responders. It's easy to enroll –

- Go to pieg.com/communities-first and click on 'Enrollment Form',
- Call Member Services at 1-800-423-6634 from Mon-Fri 8 am to 4:30 pm, or
- Enclose the coupon below with your next bill payment.

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

Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Account No: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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NATIONAL LINeworkERS APPRECIATION DAY

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association has designated April 18th as National Lineworker Appreciation Day. PIE&G proudly acknowledges its electric lineworkers and all of its employees – past and present – for their dedicated service.

According to CEO Tom Sobek, "Electric linemen work day and night, often in hazardous conditions, to safely restore service. It's important, though, to recognize all of our employees who work in service to our members. Everyone works together and PIE&G employees go above and beyond when the power goes out or natural gas service is compromised. I'd like to thank and extend my appreciation to each 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 first responders have faster response time with visible house address 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.



Earth Day April 22, 2022

WORKING TOGETHER TO INVEST IN OUR PLANET

AT HOME:

- ▶ Recycle an old fridge or freezer.
- ▶ Change standard light bulbs to LEDs.
- ▶ Start a compost bin in your backyard.

AT WORK:

- ▶ Tune up HVAC system.
- ▶ Upgrade to LED lighting.
- ▶ Start a carpool or bike-to-work program.

CONTACT US TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION

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877.296.4319



Presque Isle Energy Optimization programs and incentives are applicable to Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op electric service locations only. Incentive applies to qualified items purchased and installed between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022. Other restrictions may apply. For complete program details, visit pieg.com.

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