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NATURAL GAS RATES TO INCREASE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

Effective April 1, 2023, natural gas rates will increase. The Gas Cost Recovery Factor (GCR) will be raised from \$0.4161 to \$0.4926 per ccf (a \$0.0765 increase). The distribution rate will not change.

The rising costs of wholesale natural gas and transportation are the main factors for the increase. The greater demand for natural gas creates pressure on supplies, which in turn affects costs.

Please refer to the table below for the itemized charges and net effect for each rate class per ccf. Note that there is no change to the monthly availability charge, which 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	\$0.49260	\$0.49260	\$0.49260
Total (\$/ccf)	\$0.98174	\$0.81533	\$0.76830

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 with SmartHub at pieg.com, or download our free SmartHub mobile app to your tablet or smart phone.

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 fellow members and local communities – from school age students to senior citizens, and to food pantries and first responders. It doesn't cost much and 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: _____

ADVANCED METERING UPDATE

If your bill no longer includes boxes to write in your monthly meter reading, this indicates that PIE&G is now receiving your meter readings automatically. You won't have to read and report your reading on that account going forward. PIE&G will continue to work on improvements to its metering and communications system in 2023. Once fully operational (anticipated later this year), you will enjoy these advantages.

Quick Facts About Advanced Meters

- No longer need to read the meter each month
- Online access to electric usage history
- Can help you save money & energy
- Faster outage identification & response
- Shorter outage times
- Accurate billing (no estimated or catch-up bills)

Happy Easter!



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NATIONAL LINEWORERS 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.



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 2022, PIE&G was required to pay \$1,624,720.50 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.

Energy Optimization Program Drives Reduction in Carbon Emissions



Participating PIE&G members saved energy and money while significantly reducing carbon emissions in 2022.

506,560
POUNDS OF
CARBON SAVED
IN 2022

EQUIVALENT
TO THE
EMISSIONS
FROM:



1,035
barrels of oil consumed



87
homes' electricity use
for an entire year



54,373,408
smartphones charged

Visit pieg.com/eo to see the full list of incentives and offerings for your home, business, or farm.

PIE&G's Energy Optimization programs and incentives are applicable to Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op's member electric locations only. Incentives apply to qualified items purchased and installed between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. Other restrictions may apply. For complete program details, visit pieg.com.

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