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### NATURAL GAS RATES TO INCREASE SLIGHTLY EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

Effective April 1, 2021, natural gas rates will increase slightly. The Gas Cost Recovery Factor (GCR) will be raised from \$0.3450 to \$0.3642 per ccf (an increase of \$0.0192). 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	\$0.2757
GCR/ccf	\$0.3642	\$0.3642	\$0.3642
Total (\$/ccf)	\$0.85334	\$0.68693	\$0.6399

### 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 2020, PIE&G paid \$1,188,572.82 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.

### 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](http://pieg.com) or download our free SmartHub mobile app to your tablet or smart phone.

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### NATIONAL LINeworkERS APPRECIATION DAY

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association has designated April 12th 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, “Electric linemen work day and night, often in hazardous conditions, to safely restore service. It’s important, though, to recognize all of our employees. 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.



### HOW CAN I HELP MY COMMUNITY?

It easy! Just sign up to participate in the PIE&G Communities First Fund to “round up” the change on 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 go to nonprofit and charitable organizations across northeast Michigan. These small donations add up to make a big difference in helping your local communities – from school age students to senior citizens, and to food pantries and first responders. It’s easy to enroll –

- Call Member Services at 1-800-423-6634 or,
- Enclose 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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