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Director Election Results



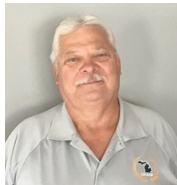
Sandra Borowicz



Daryl Peterson



Sally Knopf



Gerald Smigelski

Elections are conducted annually to fill three PIE&G Board of Directors positions. Following the tally of all votes, the successful candidates who secured election to three-year terms (2024-2027) are as follows: Sandra Borowicz (incumbent, Cheboygan District), Daryl Peterson (incumbent, Montmorency District), and Sally Knopf (incumbent, At Large). Gerald Smigelski secured a vacant seat in the Presque Isle District for a two-year term. For the vote count for each candidate and the full press release, visit pieg.com.

Immediately following the meeting, the board of directors elected officers, yielding the following results:

Chair – Sandra Borowicz;
Vice Chair – Daryl Peterson;
Secretary – Sally Knopf; and
Treasurer – Brentt Lucas.

Adolph P. from Atlanta was awarded a \$100 bill credit for casting his vote by mail.

Monthly Bill Frequency

Please be advised that all electric bills are now at a monthly billing frequency. If you were previously at an annual billing frequency, you received your final annual bill this summer. All current and future electric bills will be generated and mailed monthly. Payment is also due monthly.

At the March 28th, 2023, board meeting, the board of directors revised the Electric Tariffs to accommodate for this transition of all accounts from an annual to monthly billing frequency. The language in the tariff reads, "All Member-Consumers taking service under Schedule S may, at the Cooperative's discretion and upon a 45-day notice, be billed once per month for the monthly availability and energy charges if the Cooperative is able to obtain a meter reading though it's AMI system. If readings are not obtainable through the AMI system, at the Cooperative's discretion, the account may be billed annually."

Over the last few years, we have been implementing our Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) for our electric meters. The AMI system has made it possible to align all our accounts to a monthly billing frequency. The AMI system also allows us to better serve our membership by providing daily meter readings, faster outage notifications, and enhanced billing data.

We encourage all members to sign up for paperless billing and automatic payments. A monthly budget option will also be available. Taking advantage of these services will make receiving and paying your bills a more convenient process. Please visit pieg.smarthub.coop to sign up for paperless billing and automatic payments today. Please call our Member Services department at 800-423-6634 if you have any questions.

Communities First Fund Update

President and CEO Allan Berg presented a \$5,000 check to New Beginnings Ministries on behalf of our Communities First Fund Initiative. The generosity of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op members plays a vital role in enabling the PIE&G Community First Fund (CFF) to support individuals and organizations in need throughout our service areas. Learn more at pieg.com/communities-first.





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Safety First!

Your safety is our top priority! We want to ensure you feel secure, whether online or at home. If a PIE&G representative visits you, here's how to easily verify their identity:

PIE&G Employees:

- They will drive a logoed vehicle with a four-digit fleet number on the front fender.
- They'll wear logoed clothing, such as a shirt, sweatshirt, or coat.
- They will carry a company-issued ID card with their name, title, and company logos.
- Call our office at 800-423-6634 to confirm their identity!

PIE&G Contractors:

- Contractors carry their picture IDs.
- The contractor's company logos (NUC and B&M Ashman) are displayed on apparel.

If you have any doubts, contact our office for verification. We're here to help keep you safe!



Holiday Update

PIE&G will be closed on the following dates:

CHRISTMAS:

Dec. 24–25, 2024

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

Jan. 1, 2025

Report outages or natural gas emergencies anytime by calling 800-423-6634.

Access your accounts anytime at pieg.com, on the SmartHub mobile app, or with pay by phone at 866-999-4571.

PIE&G Fiber Internet Update

- HK3 is now actively accepting fiber applications for our electric members. Call member service to sign up at 800-423-6634.
- If you are planning an extended vacation or headed someplace warm for the winter, visit piegconnect.com and learn more about the vacation plan and staying connected versus canceling your current service.
- Our PIE&G Connect fiber internet members have access to 24/7 technical support! If you're experiencing any issues, please call us at 888-803-3453. We're here to assist you!



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- ▶ Set ceiling fans to run clockwise on the lowest speed to push warm air down into rooms.

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