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PSCR FACTOR TO INCREASE FEBRUARY 1ST

In accordance with P.A. 167, the Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op board of directors held a Special Open Meeting of the membership on September 28, 2021. At that meeting the board approved and set the 2022 Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) factor to a maximum of \$0.00762/kWh for bills rendered on or after Feb. 1, 2022. This is an increase from a (negative) \$(-0.00439)/kWh factor and represents 1.201 cents per kWh or approximately \$8.32 per month for a residential member using 670 kilowatts per month, the average consumption level for monthly residential members.

It is important to note that, for the last six of seven years, the PSCR factor was negative, which effectively reduced members' bills during those years. The February increase is primarily due to increased costs of natural gas that is used for cleaner generation of electricity.

What is the PSCR Factor?

As an electric distribution cooperative, PIE&G purchases electricity from its wholesale supplier, Wolverine Power Cooperative. Wolverine, a generation and transmission cooperative, sells power to PIE&G, delivering it via transmission lines to PIE&G's substations. From the substations, PIE&G distributes electricity directly to its members.

Each year, electric utilities compare projected costs of electricity for the next 12 months with long term projected energy costs to determine the adjustment to customers on the monthly bill. This adjustment to the base energy charge is called the Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) factor. At the end of the year, utilities are required to reconcile the monies collected for energy with the actual cost of energy. That difference, along with the next year's forecasted costs is incorporated into the PSCR Factor calculation for the upcoming year.

The purpose of the PSCR process is to ensure that a utility only collects the costs that it incurred to purchase wholesale energy on behalf of its members or customers. This is a legal requirement for all electric utilities in Michigan.

Power supply or energy costs are a pass-through cost and do not contain any margins for PIE&G.

For specific details of any Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op tariffs or fees, please call 1-800-423-6634 or visit our website at pieg.com.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Applications due March 1, 2022

The PIE&G Communities First Fund has been awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors since 1999. The scholarship program includes all accredited colleges or universities located in Michigan. The award is \$1,000 and payable upon successful completion of the first semester. The A. Barkley Travis Memorial Scholarship (\$500) and the Peterson Vocational School Scholarship (\$500) are also available.

Eligibility requirements and applications are available on-line at pieg.com or by contacting PIE&G at 1-800-423-6634 and select extension 1011. Completed applications with all supporting documentation must be received at PIE&G by close of business on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Scholarships will be awarded by June 1st.



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PIPELINE AWARENESS

To promote safety around our natural gas lines, members should be aware of the following information

GAS LEAK EMERGENCY SERVICE

PIE&G’s special gas leak hot line is **800.655.8565**. This number is designated for gas leak reporting **only**. Operators cannot take or transfer calls regarding other requests. PIE&G has emergency service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You must call 911 to report broken or open lines when there is a release of gas.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE MARKERS

Buried natural gas pipelines are marked at intervals with yellow markers. However, the pipeline markers may not always show the exact location of underground lines or the direction they follow. Before any digging, please call 811 (MISS DIG). This is a free service. Utilities will be marked within 3 business days. Damaging or removing pipeline markers is against the law – punishable by fines and/or jail time.

PIPELINE INTEGRITY

To protect the integrity of our natural gas pipeline system, PIE&G routinely inspects and performs maintenance, such as corrosion-control and leak surveys, and pipeline replacement when necessary. For your safety, our employees are trained to monitor and inspect our pipeline system and respond quickly to any natural gas emergency.

Please take a minute to become familiar with these notices, even if you don’t have natural gas service with PIE&G.



AMI UPDATE

Work on the advanced metering technology for electric and natural gas infrastructure is expected to continue throughout 2022. Currently, PIE&G is experiencing supply chain delays similar to those of other businesses – a lack of materials and product availability. Weather and other unforeseen issues may also affect the technology deployment schedule.

A friendly reminder to members to please continue to read and report your meter readings until the meter reading boxes on your billing stub have been removed. You may submit meter readings several ways: on your billing stub and return to us with your payment (by mail or in our Drop Box), using Pay-By-Phone service (1-866-999-4571), or using SmartHub (online at pieg.com or by our free mobile app).

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