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October 2020



PIE&G'S VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING 10 AM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

In-person meeting canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions

The traditional in-person PIE&G Annual membership meeting that was scheduled for October 23, 2020 in Posen, **has been canceled due to COVID-19 concerns** and related State of Michigan Executive Order restrictions on schools and large group meetings.

Instead, please attend this year's 83rd Virtual Annual Meeting from the comfort of your home! Hear updates about the co-op's finances, witness the results of the board of directors election, and learn more about your co-op. The business meeting will be broadcast live at **10 am on Friday, October 23.**

Members may submit written questions for the Q&A portion of the virtual meeting before **October 1**, by placing them in our Drop Box (located in front of our office at 19831 M-68 Hwy., Onaway), or by mailing them to:
PIE&G Q&A, PO Box 721, Onaway, MI 49765.

Selected questions will be addressed during the Q&A portion of the meeting. Look for information on how to access the meeting (either online or by phone) in your Sept.-Oct. *Country Lines* magazine, on our website pieg.com, and our Facebook page. **Please join us!**



ONLINE: Register for the virtual Zoom meeting by **October 14** at pieg.com. Event login details will be emailed to you upon registration.

PHONE: If you don't have internet access, you may join by calling in to listen to the meeting.

Dial: 1-301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 875 2366 8789
Passcode: 226617

DEPLOYING NEW METERS: NEW TECHNOLOGY BENEFITS MEMBERS

PIE&G is upgrading its distribution system to Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), which has many advantages to improve service and benefit members.

EFFICIENCY

- With remote meter reading and reconnection, we can save time, travel and money (and reduce air pollution).
- With more detailed data about demand and usage, we can distribute power more efficiently.

RELIABILITY

- New meters help us locate—and respond to—outages faster and more safely.
- New meters can help us improve power quality, monitoring and analyses.
- New meters mean consistent billing periods.

New
technology
to help us
serve you better

AFFORDABILITY

- Operating more efficiently reduces overall expenses which can help to minimize pressure on rates.
- Members will have data available to better understand their usage patterns and manage their bills.



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CAPITAL CREDIT REFUNDS COMING SOON



If you received electric service from PIE&G in 1988, 1989, 2003 or in 2004, you will soon

receive your capital credit refund check!

The amount of your refund is proportionate to the energy you purchased during those years. **Checks are expected to be mailed by the last week of October.**



FALL FURNACE CHECK UP

Stay warm, stay safe and save energy

An annual checkup of your furnace by a licensed heating contractor can help reduce your heating costs and is one of the best ways to help prevent deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.

A checkup now can keep you from waking up in the middle of the night to a cold house later. It could also save lives. Here are other easy ways to help keep your furnace running safely and efficiently all winter.

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUND (LIEAF)

Gov. Snyder signed into law Public Act 95 in 2013, creating the Low Income Energy Assistance Fund or "LIEAF", authorizing the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) to raise up to \$50 million annually for low income energy assistance payments. The money would come from a surcharge of no more than \$1 per meter per month for all Michigan electric utilities participating in the LIEAF program.

On July 23, 2020, the MPSC issued an order (U-17377) reducing the monthly surcharge from \$0.92 to \$0.91 per meter for the billing months of September 2020 through August 2021. The surcharge is limited to electric bills only and to one electric residential meter per residential site. The surcharge was effective on PIE&G's electric bills generated on or after Oct. 1, 2020, for service rendered in September. Annual bills generated in 2021 will be prorated accordingly.



- Check for rust and corrosion on the vent pipe connected to the chimney.
- Check flues or vents for cracks and obstructions.
- Check the filter once a month and replace it if it is worn or dirty.
- Check the owner's manual to see if the blower motor should be lubricated.



For more tips, visit energystar.gov.

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