

The Spotlight



What's Inside

- Annual Meeting Oct. 28th
- Advanced Metering & Fiber Updates
- Capital Credit Refunds Coming Soon
- Fall Furnace Check Up

October 2022



85th ANNUAL MEETING

PIE&G will conduct its annual membership meeting on **Friday, October 28 at the Onaway High School**. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The general business session

starts at 10:00 a.m. when members will hear various reports on the cooperative. The meeting concludes with director election results. Lunch will be provided after the meeting.

For more information about the meeting and your director candidate ballot, please refer to your September issue of *Country Lines*.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend!



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 27, 2022, the MPSC issued an order (U-17377) increasing the monthly surcharge from \$0.87 to \$0.90 per meter for the billing months of September 2022 through August 2023. 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, 2022, for services rendered in September. Annual bills generated in 2023 will be prorated accordingly.

ADVANCED METERING (AMI) & FIBER UPDATES

AMI

- 29,300 electric meters deployed (about 84% of the total 34,600 active meters).
- Installation of an additional 18 one-hundred foot communication poles is expected to be completed by mid-October. The poles were constructed locally by Moran Iron Works.
- In 2023, plans are to deploy natural gas AMI modules and additional communication sites.

FIBER INTERNET

- Over 135 services connected in Onaway area (ON1 and ON4 zones are open for service).
- Canada Creek (CC3) zone opened for service Sept. 6.
- Over 355 miles of fiber installed.
- Over 2,500 members have submitted interest in receiving PIE&G Connect high-speed internet.

CAPITAL CREDIT REFUNDS COMING SOON

If you received electric service from PIE&G in 1990 and 2005, 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.





Connected. Trusted. Reliable.

Owned By Those We Serve . . . Locally Controlled . . . Committed to Community . . . Not For Profit

October 2022



- 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.



FALL FURNACE CHECK UP

Stay warm, stay safe and save energy

An annual check up 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 check up 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.



For more tips, visit energystar.gov

BLAST OFF INTO SAVINGS



Nearly half of the energy used in your home goes to heating and cooling. Increase savings by installing a heat pump.

Heat pumps move heat rather than generate heat AND are up to 75 percent more efficient to operate; in every season.

VISIT: pieg.com/eo
CALL: 877-296-4319



Presque Isle Energy Optimization programs and incentives are applicable to Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op electric service locations only. Incentive applies to qualified items purchased and installed between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022. Other restrictions may apply. For complete program details, visit pieg.com.

Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op

3149 Main Street • P.O. Box 308 • Onaway, MI 49765 • 989-733-8515 • 800-423-6634 • www.pieg.com

GAS EMERGENCY ONLY 1-800-655-8565

We will gladly accept your Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. No additional charge for using your credit card.

