

# ***‘Combined’ People’s Energy Cooperative and Minnesota Energy Resources’ Residential Energy Audit Program***







People’s Energy Cooperative and Minnesota Energy Resources are excited to offer members a discounted, low cost *Residential Energy Audit Program* through partnering with G.A. Ernst and Associates, Inc., a certified energy efficiency consulting service and solutions company. This partnership allows for both electric and natural gas usage to be evaluated and efficiency opportunities to be analyzed.

This program is designed to conduct a comprehensive energy analysis to help members determine how much energy their home equipment uses, where their home is inefficient, and which problem areas and fixes should be prioritized to save energy and improve the comfort of their residence. Before starting home energy improvements, especially large projects, we strongly recommend having a home energy audit. Recommendations will address home durability, ventilation, appliance replacement, insulation, and air sealing. Using energy more efficiently = savings on electric and fuel bills.


**Members must be receiving both electricity from People’s Energy and natural gas from MN Energy Resources. The co-pay for the audit will be added to the gas bill you receive from MN Energy.**

Choose from the following two types of energy audits:

## **Standard Energy Audits:** (\$75)

-  Utility Bill Analysis and Analyze Energy Use
-  Thermal Envelop Inspection (thorough insulation and air sealing analysis)
-  Blower Door Diagnostics
-  Furnace Efficiency / Safety and Worst Case Back Draft Spillage Testing
-  Weatherization items, such as energy efficiency showerheads, faucet aerators, pipe insulation, door sweeps, etc. may be provided
-  Qualified low-income customers may participate at no cost

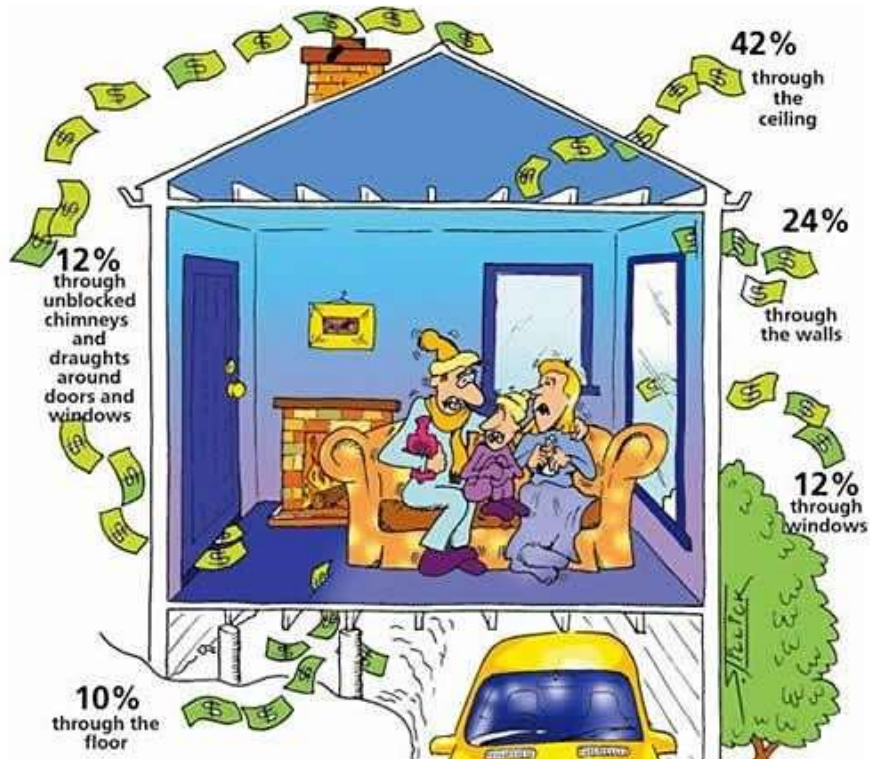
## **Performance Energy Audits:** (\$150)

-  Includes all features of the Standard Energy Audit, plus Infrared Camera Diagnostics

At the end of the energy audit, the member, People’s Energy Cooperative, and Minnesota Energy Resources will receive a detailed report of the certified energy auditor’s findings and recommendations of improvements that can be implemented to help save energy. If the member’s primary heating source is electric, LP, or oil, they may qualify for up to a \$300 *Audit Recommended Improvement Rebate* for implementing measures, which result in electrical reduction or increased efficiency, recommended by the auditor. If a prescriptive rebate is available, for the recommended improvement, then it takes precedence, and the improvement will not qualify to be included in the \$300 *Audit Recommended Improvements Rebate*.

## Home Energy Audit Checklist:

- ✓ **Member must be a member of People's Energy Cooperative and a customer of Minnesota Energy Resources receiving both services at the same residence.**
- ✓ Member must complete the 'Pre-Audit Request and Questionnaire' and return it to People's Energy Cooperative. Member must also complete Minnesota Energy Resources' audit request form located at:  
[In-home Energy-Saving Audits | Minnesota Energy Resources](#)
- ✓ G.A. Ernst and Associates, Inc. will contact the member directly to schedule the residential energy audit at a time that is convenient for the member. Members must be present during audit. Audit will take approximately 2 hours.
- ✓ Member, People's Energy, and Minnesota Energy will receive a copy of the detailed energy audit report.
- ✓ Member will be billed directly on their MN Energy billing statement for the co-pay amount of the audit.
- ✓ Upon completion of any recommended energy improvements, member is eligible to submit applicable rebate information to People's Energy Cooperative and receive prescriptive rebate(s) and/or up to the \$300 *Audit Recommended Improvement Rebate (if primary heat is electric, LP, or oil)* towards the cost of the improvements made. The cost of labor can be claimed; however the cost of the audit does not qualify. The rebate form may be included in the packed received at time of energy audit or found on People's Energy website.



*\*Percentages shown may not be actual energy loss in every situation.*

# Pre-Audit Request and Questionnaire

## 'Combined' Audit with MN Energy

Please complete and return this form to People's Energy Cooperative.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be listed on account)

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Owner
- Renter

Primary Heating Source:

- Electric or LP or Oil (circle one if applicable)
- Natural Gas

Requesting:

- Standard Audit (\$75)
- Performance Audit (\$150)



By signing this form, you are allowing People's Energy Cooperative to provide your past billing information to G.A. Ernst and Associates, Inc. for the purpose of conducting the residential energy audit.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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