



# People's Energy Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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### SCAM ALERT

**ORONOCO, MN, February 19, 2021** — A member of People's Energy Cooperative (PEC) was the target of a phone scam today after receiving a voicemail saying “they” would be pulling his meter for disconnection. When the member returned the call, he was instructed to call a number with a 612 area code. He was then told to make a \$300 payment in the form of Kwik Trip gift cards. Thankfully, the member did not follow this direction and called the Cooperative instead.

PEC would like to remind members of the public that our employees will never request bank or payment information from members over the phone. Member service representatives will only ask for information to identify who a member is. If members receive a call from someone claiming to represent a utility company, and the caller is asking for personal information, hang up and call the customer service number on your bill.

#### **About People's Energy Cooperative**

People's Energy Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating over 80 years of delivering retail electric power to its 19,000 consumer-members in Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Wabasha, and Winona Counties. People's Energy Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® cooperative and a member-owner in the Dairyland Power system of electric cooperatives that generates and transmits reliable electric power in 62 counties of four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois). People's is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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