



# People's Energy Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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### SCAM ALERT

**ORONOCO, MN, May 7, 2021** — A member of People's Energy Cooperative (PEC) was the target of a text scam yesterday afternoon after receiving a text message stating, "Your electric bill overpayment of \$134.50 is still available until 8pm. Use online form to claim." This included a link for the member to click on and came from a phone number with a '757' area code. Thankfully, the member did not click on the link and called the Cooperative for verification.

PEC reminds members text notifications are sent from SmartHub, our online account management tool. Members register to receive these notifications. To verify if a text is legitimate or to check your account status, members are encouraged to contact us directly by calling (800) 214-2694 or emailing [memberservices@peoplesenergy.coop](mailto:memberservices@peoplesenergy.coop).

#### **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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