



People's Energy Cooperative

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Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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SCAM ALERT

ORONOCO, MN, August 28, 2019 — A member of People's Energy Cooperative (PEC) was the target of a phone scam last week after receiving two phone calls from someone claiming to be from their “electric company” and asking for bank information.

During each call, a man's voice expressed his apologies and said that he was “from your electric company.” He indicated the “we overcharged you and want to make it right.” He then asked for banking information to be given over the phone to complete the transaction. Thankfully, the member hung up and called PEC to report the incident.

PEC would like to remind members of the public that if they 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. It is very important to remember that PEC staff 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. Members of People's Energy Cooperative who receive such a phone call are encouraged to hang up and call PEC directly at (507) 367-7000.

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 nearly 19,000 member-owners 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).

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