



People's Energy Cooperative

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Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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SCAM ALERT

ORONOCO, MN, June 10, 2020 — Two members of People's Energy Cooperative (PEC) were the target of a scam this afternoon after receiving a phone call from someone who went by the name "Rudy" and threatened to disconnect their power if they did not pay over the phone immediately.

The members reported that he gave them a truck number of #11748 and indicated they should call (800) 330-1105 or (800) 291-0782 to make payment. We can confirm that we do not have anyone employed at People's Energy by the name of "Rudy" and the truck number given does not exist in our fleet. Also, both numbers given to call are not associated with People's Energy Cooperative. Thankfully, both members hung up and called PEC to report the incidents.

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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