Columbia Gas of Ohio Apples to Apples Chart

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The PUCO produces the Apples to Apples charts to provide residential consumers with a snapshot comparison of current natural gas supplier price options and contract terms for individual customers. You may also want to check with your local government to see if your community has grouped together citizens into a buying pool to purchase gas. The PUCO updates the charts on a weekly basis and verifies each supplier offer to ensure accuracy. As with all contracts, consumers should carefully read and understand all terms and conditions before signing any forms or agreeing to enroll with a supplier for natural gas service. For a description of Apples to Apples chart-related terms, please refer to **Chart Definitions** .

Please be advised that if you are currently enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP PLUS), you are not eligible to enroll with or switch to an alternate supplier.

If you are currently enrolled with an alternate supplier, and want to enroll with a different supplier prior to the expiration of your current contract, you may be subject to an Early Termination Fee.

The PUCO provides the tools you need to calculate your estimated cost. The **Self-Calculation Worksheet** that is available on the PDF version of the Apples to Apples Charts, walks you through the steps needed to manually calculate your own estimated cost. Or, you can access the **Apples to Apples Interactive Calculator** to automatically calculate your estimated costs.

Chart Tools

- **Apples to Apples Interactive Calculator**
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Columbia Gas of Ohio's Rate

The Standard Choice Offer (SCO) rate is based on the New York Mercantile Exchange month-end settlement price, plus a Retail Price Adjustment of $0.153. The SCO is a monthly variable rate and represents cost associated with the securing natural gas for CGO customers.

Columbia Gas of Ohio's (CGO) current total rate is **$ 0.61392** per hundred cubic feet (ccf)
Effective from **April 1, 2013** to **April 29, 2013**

This total rate includes:

A Standard Choice Offer (SCO) rate of	**$ 0.52660** per ccf
A SalesTax amount of	**$ 0.03555** per ccf, at 6.75%
Transportation costs of	**$ 0.05177** per ccf (gross receipts tax included)

Contact information for Columbia Gas of Ohio: 200 Civic Center Dr., Columbus, OH 43215, (800) 344-4077, www.ColumbiagasofOhio.com .

PUCO-Certified Retail Natural Gas Suppliers Actively Soliciting New Customers

Supplier Name	*Web Page Address*	*Telephone*
Border Energy, Inc.	http://www.border-energy.com/	(888) 479-4427
Constellation Energy Gas Choice, Inc.	http://www.constellation.com	(800)785-4373
Direct Energy Services, LLC	http://directenergy.gesc.com/Products/Signup.aspx?sc=RES&state=OH&promo=OHPUC	(888) 566-9988
Dominion Energy Solutions	http://www.dom.com/about/companies/retail/choice_eoe.jsp	(800) 990-4090
Energy Plus Natural Gas LLC	http://www.energypluscompany.com/	(855) 405-3098
IGS Energy	http://www.igsenergy.com	(877) 444-7427
Integrys Energy Services, Inc.	http://www.integrysenergy.com	(866) 336-5547
Just Energy	http://www.justenergy.com/	(877) 226-5371
Ohio Natural Gas	http://www.onlyong.com	(888) 466-4427

PALMco Energy OH, LLC	http://www.PalmcoEnergy.com	(877) 726-5862
Santanna Energy Services	http://www.santannaenergyservices.com	(800) 827-0067
Spark Energy Gas, LP	http://www.sparkenergy.com	(800) 982-1468
Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.	http://www.volunteerenergy.com	(800) 977-8374
XOOM Energy Ohio, LLC	http://www.xoomenergy.com	(888) 997-8979

Supplier Plans, Rates, Terms and Descriptions

Listed below are the natural gas plan offers of PUCO-certified suppliers, per Ccf. Published offers are subject to change without prior notice. The ***Supplier Total Rate*** , which is the price to compare, includes the ***Supplier Base Rate*** and ***CGO's current transportation charge*** . If comparing Supplier Total Rate to CGO's total SCO rate, which is currently set at ***$ 0.61392 /Ccf,*** keep in mind that the Supplier Base Rate is exclusive of applicable state and county sales tax, whereas CGO's total SCO rate includes applicable sales tax at a rate of 6.75%.

As CGO's transportation rate historically changes quarterly, the Supplier Total Rate is subject to change post publication; therefore, this information should be used only as a guide. Consumers should verify offers with the supplier before signing a contract. ***The PUCO is not responsible for selections you make based on the information contained herein.***

Local Distribution Company	*SCO Rate per ccf*	*Total Rate per ccf*	*Effective Date*
Columbia Gas	$ 0.52660	$ 0.61392	April 1, 2013 to April 29, 2013

Fixed Rate Plan

Supplier Name	*Plan ID*	*Supplier Base Rate*	*Supplier Total Rate*	*Contract Term*	*Plan Description*	*Contract Early Termination Fee*
Border Energy, Inc.	22557	$ 0.63900	$ 0.69077	5 -Month	.639 per Ccf Nov 2012 to May 2013; variable thereafter	$ 75.00
Constellation Energy Gas Choice, Inc.	22546	$ 0.63900	$ 0.69077	12 -Month		$ 150.00
Direct Energy Services, LLC	22585	$ 0.58700	$ 0.63877	12 -Month		$ 0.00
Dominion Energy Solutions	22522	$ 0.61900	$ 0.67077	Monthly		$ 50.00
	22523	$ 0.61900	$ 0.67077	Monthly		$ 50.00
IGS Energy	22552	$ 0.64100	$ 0.69277	Monthly		$ 0.00
Integrys Energy Services, Inc.	22594	$ 0.64300	$ 0.69477	24 -Month	Term is May 2013 - April 2015	$ 75.00
	22593	$ 0.66200	$ 0.71377	36 -Month	Term is May 2013 - April 2016	$ 75.00
	22595	$ 0.62300	$ 0.67477	12 -Month	This Fixed Rate includes the Price Match Guarantee	$ 75.00
Just Energy	22563	$ 0.69900	$ 0.75077	12 -Month		$ 50.00
Ohio Natural Gas	22531	$ 0.64900	$ 0.70077	12 -Month	Special promotional offer! Mention promo code APPLECOH.	$ 150.00
	22530	$ 0.59900	$ 0.65077	6 -Month	Special promotional offer! Mention promo code APPLECOH.	$ 75.00
Santanna Energy Services	22543	$ 0.61900	$ 0.67077	12 -Month	After 12 month term, renews monthly on market price plan.	$ 0.00
Spark Energy Gas, LP	22613	$ 0.65700	$ 0.70877	12 -Month	$0.657 per Ccf	$ 100.00
XOOM Energy Ohio, LLC	22573	$ 0.69900	$ 0.75077	12 -Month	XOOM Energy's SureLock 12 fixed plan	$ 110.00

Monthly Variable Rate Plan

Supplier Name	*Plan ID*	*Supplier Base Rate*	*Supplier Total Rate*	*Contract Term*	*Plan Description*	*Contract Early Termination Fee*
Constellation Energy Gas Choice, Inc.	22547	$ 0.68900	$ 0.74077	Monthly		$ 0.00
Integrys Energy Services, Inc.	22590	$ 0.58190	$ 0.63367	Monthly	Billing Month is April 2013	$ 0.00
Just Energy	22564	$ 0.50050	$ 0.55227	Monthly	5% below Utility for first month	$ 0.00

Ohio Natural Gas	22532	$ 0.49900	$ 0.55077	Monthly	Variable Plan with a discounted rate for the first 2 months!	$ 0.00
Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.	22520	$ 0.52230	$ 0.57407	Monthly		$ 0.00
XOOM Energy Ohio, LLC	22572	$ 0.57900	$ 0.63077	Monthly	XOOM Energy's Introductory SimpleFlex variable rate	$ 0.00

Quarterly Variable Rate Plan

Supplier Name	Plan ID	Supplier Base Rate	Supplier Total Rate	Contract Term	Plan Description	Contract Early Termination Fee
Integrys Energy Services, Inc.	22592	$ 0.58500	$ 0.63677	12 -Month	Billing Period is April - June 2013	$ 75.00

Variable Rate Plan

Supplier Name	Plan ID	Supplier Base Rate	Supplier Total Rate	Contract Term	Plan Description	Contract Early Termination Fee
Energy Plus Natural Gas LLC	22578	$ 0.51200	$ 0.56377	Monthly	Forecasted rate for your first month of service	$ 0.00
Ohio Natural Gas	22533	$ 0.69900	$ 0.75077	Monthly		$ 0.00
PALMco Energy OH, LLC		$ 0.4012	$ 0.45297	Monthly	Introductory rate for the first 2 months	$ 0.00

Variable Rate with Stable Pricing Plan

Supplier Name	Plan ID	Supplier Base Rate	Supplier Total Rate	Contract Term	Plan Description	Contract Early Termination Fee
Integrys Energy Services, Inc.	22591	$ 0.52750 Rate capped @ $ 0.62500	$ 0.57927	12 -Month	Billing Month is April 2013; Will not exceed $.625/ccf	$ 25.00

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Chart Definitions

Ccf: One hundred cubic feet; a unit used to measure natural gas usage.

Contract Term: The length or duration of the contract (i.e. monthly, yearly, multiple-year).

County Sales Tax: When natural gas is purchased from another supplier or as part of Columbia's Standard Choice Offer (SCO) program, the natural gas is subject to Ohio sales or use tax. Because county sales tax rates vary throughout Ohio, the county sales tax is not included in the alternate supplier's total rate. For Columbia SCO customers, sales tax at an average of 6.75% is included in the current total SCO rate. Use the attached map to determine your county's actual sales tax rate.

Current Offer: Comprised of suppliers' current commodity options and base rates, exclusive of sales tax, the local utility transportation charge, and customer service charges. Commodity options may be a fixed, variable, or stable rate plan.

Fixed Rate Plan: A constant rate for the contracted period.

Gross Receipts Tax: The local utility must pay a gross receipts excise tax of 4.987% which is applied to the combined Monthly Customer Charge and the Transportation rates charged on the volume of gas consumed (per Ccf).

Questions to ask Suppliers

- Are there any deposit requirements?
- Do you charge any early termination fees? If so, how much?
- Do you charge any switching, membership, or other fees?
- Are you certified by the PUCO?
- Is your rate fixed, or does it change?
- If it is a variable rate, how does it change?
- Is there a customer incentive for signing up?
- Are there any built-in price increases or decreases?
- Are there any special add-on services?
- How long is the contract for this offer?
- Does your service cover all months of the year?
- What happens when my contract expires?
- Will I receive one or two bills a month?

Standard Choice Offer (SCO): A monthly variable rate and represents cost associated with the securing gas for CGO customers. The rate is based on the New York Mercantile Exchange month-end settlement price, plus a Retail Price Adjustment of $0.153 per ccf. The Retail Price Adjustment of $0.153 per ccf will be in effect from April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013.

Supplier Name: PUCO-certified suppliers that are actively enrolling new customers.

Supplier Total Rate: Comprised of the supplier's natural gas commodity prices, plus the LDC transportation rate charge.

Transportation Rate Charge: The transportation rate charge, which can fluctuate quarterly, is comprised of a base rate, PUCO approved and tariffed riders, and a Gross Receipts Tax.

Variable Rate Plan: A fluctuating rate within the contracted period.

Self-Calculation Worksheet

This self-calculation worksheet will provide you with an estimate of your monthly natural gas costs, based on your average monthly gas usage, current supplier price, transportation and service charges, and local sales tax. You may also wish to visit **www.PUCO.ohio.gov** to access our interactive *Apples to Apples* calculator to automatically calculate your estimated monthly natural gas costs.

	Example	Your Calculation
Step 1: Supplier Offer Insert the supplier's current offer.	**Supplier Offer: $0.56392/Ccf**	**Supplier Offer: $_____/Ccf**
Step 2: Figure your Average Monthly Usage Divide your annual gas usage in Ccf *(provided on your monthly bill)* by 12.	(annual gas usage) **804 Ccf** ÷ 12 **Average Monthly Usage: 67 Ccf**	(annual gas usage) _____/Ccf ÷ 12 **Average Monthly Usage:** _____Ccf
Step 3: Supplier Charge Multiply the supplier offer by your monthly gas usage.	(supplier offer) **$0.56392** (average monthly usage) x 67 **Supplier Charge: $ 37.78**	(supplier offer) $ _____ (average monthly usage) x_____ **Supplier Charge:** $ _____
Step 4: Tax on Supplier Charge Multiply the supplier charge by your ***county sales tax rate*** that can be ascertained online through the Ohio Department of Taxation.	(supplier charge) **$ 37.78** (county sales tax rate) x 0.07 **Tax on Supplier Charge: $ 2.46**	(supplier charge) $ _____ (county sales tax rate) x 0._____ **Tax on Supplier Charge:** $ _____
Step 5: Transportation (Delivery) Charge Multiply the delivery rate by your average monthly usage *(includes gross receipts tax)*.	(delivery rate) **$0.05177** (average monthly usage) x 67 **Delivery Charge: $ 3.47**	(delivery rate) **$0.05177** (average monthly usage) x_____ **Delivery Charge: $**_____
Step 6: Supplier Estimated Monthly Cost Add the supplier charge, the tax on supplier charge, the delivery charge, and a monthly customer charge of $22.45 *(includes riser surcharge and gross receipts tax)*.	(supplier charge) **$ 37.78** (sales tax on supplier charge) 2.46 (delivery charge) 3.47 (monthly customer charge) + 22.45 **Supplier Estimated Monthly Cost: $ 66.35**	(supplier charge) $_____ (sales tax on supplier charge) _____ (delivery charge) _____ (monthly customer charge) + 22.45 **Supplier Estimated Monthly Cost: $**_____
Step 7: Columbia Gas of Ohio (CGO) Estimated Monthly Cost Multiply CGO's current total rate *(includes gas charges with an applicable average sales tax of 6.75%, and delivery charges including a gross reciepts tax)* by your average monthly usage, then add the monthly customer charge.	(CGO's current total rate) **$0.61392** (average monthly usage) x 67 (subtotal) 41.13 (monthly customer charge) + 22.45 **CGO Estimated Monthly Cost: $ 63.58**	(CGO's current total rate) **$0.61392** (average monthly usage) x_____ (subtotal) _____ (monthly customer charge) + 22.45 **CGO Estimated Monthly Cost: $**_____
Step 8: Compare Compare the supplier's estimated monthly cost as of Ohio.	**Supplier: $66.35/month** **Columbia Gas of Ohio: $63.58/month**	**Supplier: $_____/month** **Columbia Gas of Ohio: $_____/month**