# Residential Apples to Apples Comparison Charts

***Columbia Gas of Ohio***

The Standard Choice Offer (SCO) rate is based on the New York Mercantile Exchange month-end settlement price, plus a retail price adjustment of $0.140 per ccf. The SCO is a monthly variable rate and represents costs associated with securing natural gas for CGO customers.

CGO's current SCO rate is **$0.53840** per ccf
Effective **September 29, 2014 through October 27, 2014**

## Steps to Switching

***four simple steps to choosing a supplier***

**1. Compare offers**

Use the *Apples to Apples* charts to compare various offers based on cost, contract terms or other incentives.

**2. Contact suppliers**

Contact the suppliers that you are most interested in and ask the questions provided below. To sign up, simply call that supplier. The supplier will contact your local natural gas utility for you.

**3. Read and understand the supply contract**

Make sure you carefully read and understand all of the terms and conditions of your supply contract. The supplier should be able to answer any questions you have.

**4. Receive confirmation**

Your local natural gas utility will send you a letter confirming the supplier you have chosen. If the information is correct, you do not have to do anything. If the information is not correct, contact the utility and request that the switch be stopped. You have seven days from the postmark date of the letter to make any changes.

**AEP Energy Inc**
(866) 258-3782

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 24 months
$0.5990 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $10

Additional Information: America's Energy Partner(SM) This offer is limited to residential customers of Columbia Gas of Ohio.
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

**Border Energy Gas Services Inc**
(888) 479-4427

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 23 months
$0.6690 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $75

Additional Information: Fixed rate of $0.6690 per ccf through May 2016.
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

**Constellation Energy Gas Choice Inc**
(800) 785-4373

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 12 months
$0.6353 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $150

Additional Information: None Provided
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

**Constellation Energy Gas Choice Inc**
(800) 785-4373

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 36 months
$0.6353 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $150

Additional Information: None Provided
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

**Constellation Energy Gas Choice Inc**
(800) 785-4373

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 1 month
$0.6990 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: None Provided
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

**Direct Energy Services LLC**
(888) 566-9988

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 18 months
$0.6090 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: Lock in your natural gas rate for 18 months and say goodbye to seasonal price fluctuations imposed by your utility.
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

**Direct Energy Services LLC**
(888) 566-9988

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 12 months
$0.6190 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: 12 months of natural gas price stability to help your budget
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

**Direct Energy Services LLC**
(888) 566-9988

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 6 months
$0.6390 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: Receive fixed-rate natural gas for 6 months. Enjoy freedom from the seasonal price shifts levied by your utility company.
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

**Direct Energy Services LLC**
(888) 566-9988

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 24 months

$0.6990 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $200

Additional Information: Receive a Nest Learning Thermostat and 2 years of natural gas at a fixed rate.
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Direct Energy Services LLC**
(888) 566-9988

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 36 months

$0.6990 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $200

Additional Information: Receive a Nest Learning Thermostat and 3 years of natural gas at a fixed rate.
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This is not a introductory offer.

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**DOMINION ENERGY SOLUTIONS**
(800) 990-4090

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 12 months

$0.6390 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: Fixed Price Offer Billing through September 2015
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Energy Cooperative of Ohio**
(888) 541-4646

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 1 month

$0.6490 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: None Provided
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Energy Plus Natural Gas LLC**
(855) 405-3098

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 1 month

$0.7070 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: Plan includes:* Month-to-Month Variable Price with 3 Months of Promotional Pricing, $50 Enrollment Bonus, 3% Cash Back annually. *See Important Offer Details at energyplusrewards.com/ohoffer
This is a promotional offer. $50 Enrollment Bonus will be awarded after completing two months of active service with us. You will earn 3% Cash Back annually for every $1 spent on the supply portion of the monthly natural gas bills as an Energy Plus customer.
This is a introductory offer.

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**FTR Energy Services LLC**
(877) 811-7023

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 0 month

$0.8990 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: This is the Standard Variable Offer for Columbia Gas of Ohio customers.
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**FTR Energy Services LLC**
(877) 811-7023

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 1 month

$0.8091 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: This is a 1-month Introductory Price for Columbia Gas of Ohio.
This is not a promotional offer.
This is a introductory offer.

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**IGS Energy**
(800) 280-4474

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 36 months

$0.6290 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: Fixed rate of $0.629 per CCF for 36 billing cycles.
This is a promotional offer. Earn 5¢/gal in Fuel Rewards® Savings for every $50 you spend with IGS Energy on your utility bill.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**IGS Energy**
(800) 280-4474

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 12 months

$0.6290 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: Fixed Rate of $0.629 per CCF through 12 Billing Cycles
This is a promotional offer. Earn 5¢/gal in Fuel Rewards® Savings for every $50 you spend with IGS Energy on your utility bill.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Integrys Energy Services-Natural Gas LLC**
(866) 336-5547

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 36 months
$0.6290 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $75

Additional Information: 36-Month Fixed Rate Plan
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Integrys Energy Services-Natural Gas LLC**
(866) 336-5547

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 24 months
$0.6290 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $75

Additional Information: 24-Month Fixed Rate Plan
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Integrys Energy Services-Natural Gas LLC**
(866) 336-5547

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 12 months
$0.6430 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $75

Additional Information: 12-Month Fixed Price Rate Plan with Price Match Guarantee
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Integrys Energy Services-Natural Gas LLC**
(866) 336-5547

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 1 month
$0.5995 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: Monthly Variable Rate
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Integrys Energy Services-Natural Gas LLC**
(866) 336-5547

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 12 months
$0.6430 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: Quarterly Variable Rate Plan 4th Qtr 2014
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Just Energy**
(866) 587-8674

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 12 months
$0.7390 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $50

Additional Information: 12 month Fixed Price Program
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Just Energy**
(866) 587-8674

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 1 month
$0.5122 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: Month to Month Variable Program with an Intro Period where the Intro Price will 5% below Utility for the first month. Thereafter a month to month Variable Rate
This is not a promotional offer.
This is a introductory offer.

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**MY CHOICE ENERGY**
(888) 505-9104

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 12 months
$0.5850 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $25

Additional Information: Through Billing Cycle November 2015
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**MY CHOICE ENERGY**
(888) 505-9104
Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 24 months
$0.6250 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $100
Additional Information: Through Billing Cycle November 2016
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**North American Power and Gas LLC**
(888) 313-9086
Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 6 months
$0.5490 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $10
Additional Information: 6 month fixed rate. 25% Carbon Offset. Rate Available for New Customers Only.
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**North American Power and Gas LLC**
(888) 313-9086
Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 12 months
$0.5690 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $10
Additional Information: 12 month fixed rate. 25% Carbon Offset. Rate Available for New Customers Only.
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This is not a introductory offer.

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**North American Power and Gas LLC**
(888) 313-9086
Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 6 months
$0.7440 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $10
Additional Information: 6 month fixed rate. 100% Carbon Offset. Rate Available for New Customers Only.
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**North American Power and Gas LLC**
(888) 313-9086
Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 12 months
$0.7640 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $10
Additional Information: 12 month fixed rate. 100% Carbon Offset. Rate Available for New Customers Only.
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**North American Power and Gas LLC**
(888) 313-9086
Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 0 month
$0.6690 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0
Additional Information: For existing customers. Market-based general variable. 25% carbon offset,
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**North American Power and Gas LLC**
(888) 313-9086
Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 0 month
$0.8640 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0
Additional Information: For existing customers. Market-based general variable. 100% Carbon Offset.
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Ohio Gas & Electric**
(866) 706-7360
Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 1 month
$0.6869 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0
Additional Information: Monthly Variable Price
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Ohio Natural Gas**
(888) 466-4427
Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 6 months
$0.5290 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $75

Additional Information: Fixed rate through 3/31/2015
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Ohio Natural Gas**
(888) 466-4427

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 6 months
$0.5790 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $75

Additional Information: None Provided
This is a promotional offer. Special promotional offer! Mention promo code APPLECOH
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Ohio Natural Gas**
(888) 466-4427

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 12 months
$0.5890 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $150

Additional Information: None Provided
This is a promotional offer. Special promotional offer! Mention promo code APPLECOH
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Ohio Natural Gas**
(888) 466-4427

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 6 months
$0.5080 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: Guaranteed to be 3 cents below the SCO through 3/31/2015!
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Ohio Natural Gas**
(888) 466-4427

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 0 month
$0.6990 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: None Provided
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**Ohio Natural Gas**
(888) 466-4427

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 2 months
$0.4590 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: Variable Plan with a discounted rate for the first 2 months!
This is not a promotional offer.
This is a introductory offer.

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**Palmco Energy OH LLC**
(877) 726-5862

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 1 month
$0.4899 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: Introductory rate for the first 2 months of service. Applies to new customers only.
This is not a promotional offer.
This is a introductory offer.

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**Quake Energy LLC**
(800) 279-9023

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 1 month
$0.5535 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: Monthly variable rate with no long-term contracts or cancellation fees
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

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**SANTANNA ENERGY SERVICES**
(800) 764-4427

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 12 months
$0.6890 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: Santanna's Competitive Fixed Price of $0.689 per Ccf for an initial term duration of 12 months and then a successive month to month term on Santanna's Competitive Market Price Program.
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

**Spark Energy Gas LP**
(877) 547-7275

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 12 months
$0.7250 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $100

Additional Information: Spark Preferred 12 Advantage - Your rate stays put, guaranteed. With this fixed rate, there's a $100 early cancellation fee. Enjoy peace of mind with a fixed rate and more money in your pocket.
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

**Volunteer Energy Services Inc**
(800) 977-8374

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 1 month
$0.5342 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: None Provided
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

**XOOM Energy Ohio LLC**
(888) 997-8979

Rate Type: Fixed | Term Length: 15 months
$0.6490 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $137

Additional Information: XOOM Energy's SureLock 15 fixed plan
This is not a promotional offer.
This is not a introductory offer.

**XOOM Energy Ohio LLC**
(888) 997-8979

Rate Type: Variable | Term Length: 1 month
$0.5290 per Ccf | Monthly Fee: $0 | Early Termination Fee: $0

Additional Information: None Provided
This is a promotional offer. XOOM Energy's Introductory SimpleFlex variable rate
This is a introductory offer.

**Chart Definitions**

***Apples to Apples* Charts:** The PUCO's electric and natural gas offer comparison charts, the only comparisons in the state for which suppliers are required to provide accurate and up-to-date information about their latest offers.

**ccf:** Hundred cubic feet. Used to measure natural gas.

**Customer Charge:** Charge billed each month to recover a portion of the ongoing fixed costs of providing service to a consumer's home or business. See Fixed Delivery Charge.

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**Electric Distribution Utility (EDU)**: The local electric distribution utility that delivers electricity to your home or business.

**Supply Charge**: The price of electricity or natural gas offered by a supplier.

**Fixed Price:** A fixed electricity or natural gas rate that will remain the same, for a set period of time.

**Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) Charge:** The actual cost of natural gas that a local distribution company (LDC) pays to purchase natural gas for your use. That cost is then passed through to you on a dollar-for-dollar basis with no mark-up or profit to the LDC. Only the actual costs of the natural gas are recovered through this process.

**Generation Charge:** The charge for producing electricity. If you purchase electricity from a supplier, your generation charge will depend on the contract between you and your supplier.

**Kilowatt Hour (kwh)**: A 1,000-watt unit of energy for one hour. This is the standard measurement for the amount of electricity a customer uses.

**Local Distribution Company (LDC)**: The local natural gas distribution utility that delivers natural gas to your home or business.

**mcf**: Thousand cubic feet. Used to measure natural gas.

**Monthly Fee**: A fixed monthly fee that a supplier may include in the terms and conditions of their contract that is in addition to a rate based on usage.

**NYMEX:** The New York Mercantile Exchange, a public market where natural gas and other commodities are sold and traded.

**Price to Compare**: The price for an electric supplier to beat in order for you to save money. It will be shown on residential customer's electric utility bill. You can use this amount to compare with prices offered by suppliers.

**Renew. (Renewable) Content:** The percentage of the contracted generation supply that is provided by a renewable energy source.

**Renewable Energy:** Electricity or natural gas that is made from environmentally friendly fuel resources, such as wind, water, biomass, biogas, waste heat or solar. Sometimes referred to as "green" energy.

**Standard Choice Offer (SCO):** Each year, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Dominion East Ohio and Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio conduct auctions to secure natural gas supplies for customers who do not participate in the retail choice program. The auction establishes a SCO rate for choice-eligible customers. The SCO rate is based on the NYMEX month-end settlement price for natural gas, plus a retail price adjustment determined in the auctions. The retail price adjustment reflects the winning bidders' price to deliver natural gas from the production area to the utility's service area.

**Standard Service Offer**: The electric generation service a customer will receive from their local electric utility if they do not choose an electric supplier.

**Transmission:** The transporting of high-voltage electricity from generation at a power plant to local electric utilities.

**Transmission Charge**: Charge for transporting electricity from the generation plant to the local electric utility.

**Transportation Cost:** Cost related to the actual transportation of natural gas through the natural gas transmission pipeline to the LDC.

**Variable Price:** A variable rate can change, by the hour, day, month, etc., according to the terms and conditions of the supplier's contract.