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The PUCO produces the Apples to Apples charts to provide 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**.

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.

Duke Energy Ohio's Rate

Duke Energy Ohio's (Duke) current total rate is **\$0.6985** per hundred cubic feet (ccf)
Effective from **August 31, 2011** to **September 29, 2011**

This total rate includes:

A Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate of	\$0.5691 per ccf
A Gross Receipts Tax rate of	\$0.0266 per ccf
Transportation Costs of	\$0.1016 per ccf

Duke's GCR rate varies each month and provides a dollar-for-dollar recovery of costs incurred by the local utility to purchase natural gas. The GCR rate allows the local utility to correct any over or under collections of natural gas costs from previous periods if the actual cost is different than the estimate.

Contact information for Duke Energy Ohio: 139 East Fourth St., Cincinnati, OH 45201 (800) 544-6900, www.duke-energy.com.

PUCO-Certified Retail Natural Gas Suppliers Actively Soliciting New Customers

<i>Supplier Name</i>	<i>Web Page Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Direct Energy Services, LLC	http://www.directenergy.com	(888) 566-9988
IGS Energy	http://www.igsenergy.com	(877) 444-7427
Just Energy	http://www.justenergy.com/	(877) 226-5371
Vectren Source	http://www.vectrensource.com	888-440-9582

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 the utility's current transportation charge. However, it excludes the applicable state and county sales tax that should be considered if comparing **Supplier Total Rates** to the regulated utility's total rate (includes gas cost, transportation charge and gross receipts tax), currently at **\$0.6985/Ccf**.

As the utility'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.**

<i>Local Distribution Company</i>	<i>GCR Rate per ccf</i>	<i>Total Rate per ccf</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Duke Energy	\$0.5691	\$0.6985	August 31, 2011 to September 29, 2011

Fixed Rate Plan

<i>Supplier Name</i>	<i>Plan ID</i>	<i>Supplier Base Rate</i>	<i>Supplier Total Rate</i>	<i>Contract Term</i>	<i>Plan Description</i>	<i>Contract Early Termination Fee</i>
Direct Energy Services, LLC	14662	\$0.64900	\$0.7506	12-Month		\$0.00
IGS Energy	14707	\$0.63900	\$0.7406	Through 06/2012 Billing Cycle		\$0.00
Just Energy	14700	\$0.69900	\$0.8006	12-Month		\$100.00
Vectren Source	14679	\$0.63600	\$0.7376	12-Month		\$100.00

Monthly Variable Capped Rate Plan

<i>Supplier Name</i>	<i>Plan ID</i>	<i>Supplier Base Rate</i>	<i>Supplier Total Rate</i>	<i>Contract Term</i>	<i>Plan Description</i>	<i>Contract Early Termination Fee</i>
IGS Energy	14708	\$0.58500 Rate capped @ \$ 0.75000	\$0.6866	Through 03/2012 Billing Cycle	Monthly variable rate with cap of 75 cents through 3/12	\$0.00

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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 estimate your monthly natural gas costs.

Current Duke Rates Effective 08/31/11 thru 09/29/11

	<u>Example</u>	<u>Your Calculation</u>	
Input Rate and Usage Information	Step 1: Duke Current Rate	\$0.6985 per ccf	\$0.6985 per ccf
	Step 2: Insert Supplier Gas Rate	\$0.7235 per ccf	\$ _____ per ccf
	Step 3: Insert Your Average Monthly Usage	64.0 ccf/month	_____ ccf/month

Estimate Your Monthly Bill	CGO Bill Estimator	Step 4: Estimated Gas Cost, based on Duke Current Rate	\$0.6985 x 64 ccf = \$44.70	Step 1 x Step 3 = \$ _____ ($\$0.6985 \times \text{Your Monthly Usage}$)
		Step 5: Basic Monthly Charge	\$31.62	\$31.62
		Step 6: Estimated Monthly Bill, based on Duke Current Rate	\$44.7 + \$31.62 = \$76.32	Steps 4 + 5 = \$ _____
	Your Supplier Bill Estimator	Step 7: Estimated Gas Cost, based on Supplier Gas Rate	\$0.7235 x 64 D30 ccf = \$46.30	Step 2 x Step 3 = \$ _____ ($\text{Supplier's Rate} \times \text{Your Monthly Usage}$)
		Step 8: Estimated Sales Tax on Gas Cost @ 6.5%	\$46.3 x 0.065 = \$3.01	Step 7 x Your Local Sales Tax Rate = \$ _____
		Step 9: Estimated Transportation Based Cost	\$0.1016 x 64 ccf = \$6.50	Transportation Rate x Step 3 = \$ _____ ($\$0.1016 \times \text{Your Monthly Usage}$)
		Step 10: Monthly Customer Charge	\$31.62	\$31.62
		Step 11: Estimated Monthly Bill, based on Supplier Gas Rate	\$46.3 + \$3.01 + \$6.5 + \$31.62 = \$87.43	Steps 7 + 8 + 9 + 10 = \$ _____

Compare

If you choose the supplier:	\$87.43/month	Supplier Estimated Monthly Charge (Step 11) : \$ _____
If you stay with Duke Energy Ohio:	\$76.32/month	Duke Estimated Monthly Charge (Step 6): \$ _____

