



PUCO Apples to Apples Natural Gas Rate Comparison Chart Duke Energy Ohio

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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** that follows the **Supplier Plans, Rates, Terms and Conditions** section.

The PUCO provides the tools you need to calculate your estimated cost. The **Self-Calculation Worksheet** that follows **Chart Definitions** walks you through the steps needed to manually calculate your own estimated cost. You can also visit www.PUCO.ohio.gov and click on the **Apples to Apples** link to access the **Apples to Apples Interactive Calculator** and automatically calculate your estimated costs.

[Duke Energy Ohio's Rate](#)

Duke Energy Ohio's (Duke) current total rate is **\$0.47120** per hundred cubic feet (ccf)

Effective from **May 31, 2012 to June 28, 2012**

This total rate includes:

A Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate of	\$0.39910 per ccf
A Gross Receipts Tax rate of	\$0.01950 per ccf on the GCR
Transportation costs of	\$0.05260 per ccf (gross receipts tax included)

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 Duke to correct any over or under collections of natural gas costs from previous periods if actual costs differ from cost estimates.

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

Supplier Name

Direct Energy Services, LLC
Duke Energy Retail Sales, LLC
Energy Plus Natural Gas LP
Future Now Energy
IGS Energy
Integritys Energy Services, Inc.
Just Energy
Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.

Web Page Address

<http://www.directenergy.com>
<http://retail.duke-energy.com>
<http://www.energypluscompany.com/>
<http://www.futurenowenergy.com>
<http://www.igsenergy.com>
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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, 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 **\$0.4712/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.**

Fixed Rate Plans

	<u>Plan ID</u>	<u>Supplier Base Rate</u>	<u>Supplier Total Rate</u>	<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Plan Description</u>	<u>Contract Early Termination Fee</u>
Duke Energy Retail Sales, LLC	18120	\$0.49500	\$ 0.54560	Through 3/2013 Billing Cycle	Fixed thru March 2013. No fees.	\$ 0.00
Direct Energy Services, LLC	18108	\$0.48000	\$ 0.53060	6-Month		\$ 0.00
Integrays Energy Services, Inc.	18179	\$0.52500	\$ 0.57560	Through 5/2014 Billing Cycle	2 Year Fixed Price	\$ 25.00
	18178	\$0.47800	\$ 0.52860	Through 5/2013 Billing Cycle	Annual Fixed Price	\$ 25.00
IGS Energy	18152	\$0.49900	\$ 0.54960	Through 6/2013 Billing Cycle		\$ 0.00

Monthly Variable Rate Plans

	<u>Plan ID</u>	<u>Supplier Base Rate</u>	<u>Supplier Total Rate</u>	<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Plan Description</u>	<u>Contract Early Termination Fee</u>
Future Now Energy	18159	\$0.39993	\$ 0.45053	Monthly	Offer rate based on current monthly rate less 18% rebate	\$ 0.00
Integrays Energy Services, Inc.	18180	\$0.37800	\$ 0.42860	Monthly	June 2012 Variable Price	\$ 0.00
Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.	18130	\$0.37410	\$ 0.42470	Monthly		\$ 0.00

Monthly Variable Capped-Rate Plans

	<u>Plan ID</u>	<u>Supplier Base Rate</u>	<u>Supplier Total Rate</u>	<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Plan Description</u>	<u>Contract Early Termination Fee</u>
IGS Energy	18151	\$0.53500 Rate capped @ \$0.5990	\$ 0.58560	Through 6/2013 Billing Cycle	Monthly variable rate with cap of 59.9 cents through 06/13	\$ 0.00

Variable Rate Plans

	<u>Plan ID</u>	<u>Supplier Base Rate</u>	<u>Supplier Total Rate</u>	<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Plan Description</u>	<u>Contract Early Termination Fee</u>
Energy Plus Natural Gas LP	18163	\$0.41860	\$ 0.46920	Monthly	Forecasted rate for your 1st month of service	\$ 0.00

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 a supplier, 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 supplier's total rate. Use the attached map to determine your county's 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.

Expected Gas Cost (EGC): A component of the GCR, the EGC is the price the local utility expects to pay for natural gas in the upcoming GCR rate period. For example, if the GCR rate is filed on a monthly basis, the local utility will calculate the EGC for the following month. Gas costs recoverable through the EGC include the cost of purchasing the gas itself as well as the cost of transporting the gas from the producing region to the local utility's service territory through the interstate pipeline system.

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

Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) Rate: A mechanism that provides a dollar-for-dollar recovery of costs incurred by a natural gas utility to purchase natural gas to its system. The GCR mechanism enables the local utility to correct any over or under collections of natural gas costs in previous periods.

Gross Receipts Tax: When natural gas is purchased from a local utility, it is not subject to Ohio sales or use tax. The local utility must pay a gross receipts excise tax which is included in the GCR rate charged for the natural gas based on the volume of gas consumed (per Ccf).

Stable Rate Plan: A variable rate for a fixed period of time.

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

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

Transportation Rate Charge: The transportation rate charge, which can fluctuate quarterly, is comprised of a base rate, Percentage of Income Payment Plan rider, temporary base rate revenue rider, excise tax rider, uncollectible expense rider, Choice program sharing credit; and a competitive retail natural gas service surcredit rider that is applicable only to Choice Customers.

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

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?

