Duke Energy 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.

Chart Tools

- Apples to Apples Interactive Calculator
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- County Sales Tax Map
- Duke Energy Ohio's Rate
- Historical Rate Information

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 **$ 0.5788** per hundred cubic feet (ccf)
Effective from **December 2, 2013** to **January 1, 2014**

This total rate includes:

A Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate of	**$ 0.4914** per ccf
A Gross Receipts Tax rate of	**$ 0.0240** per ccf
Transportation Costs of	**$ 0.0634** 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

Supplier Name	*Web Page Address*	*Telephone*
CenStar Energy Corp	http://censtarenergy.com	(877) 529-6701
Cincinnati Bell Energy	http://www.cincinnatibell.com/energy	(866) 852-6849
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
Energy Plus Natural Gas LLC	http://www.energypluscompany.com/	(855) 405-3098
Future Now Energy	http://www.futurenowenergy.com	(866) 363-6427
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
My Choice Energy	http://www.fostermychoice.com	(888) 505-9104
North American Power and Gas	htttp://www.napower.com	(888) 313-9086
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
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 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 ***$ 0.5788 /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.***

Local Distribution Company	*GCR Rate per ccf*	*Total Rate per ccf*	*Effective Date*
Duke Energy	$ 0.4914	$ 0.5788	December 2, 2013 to January 1, 2014

Fixed Rate Plan

Supplier Name	*Plan ID*	*Supplier Base Rate*	*Supplier Total Rate*	*Contract Term*	*Plan Description*	*Contract Early Termination Fee*
CenStar Energy Corp		$ 0.5500	$ 0.6134	12 -Month	Fixed Rate-12 months	$ 100.00
		$ 0.5600	$ 0.6234	24 -Month	Fixed Rate-24 months	$ 100.00
Constellation Energy Gas Choice, Inc.	26561	$ 0.55900	$ 0.62190	12 -Month		$ 150.00
Direct Energy Services, LLC	26605	$ 0.51900	$ 0.58190	12 -Month		$ 0.00
IGS Energy	26584	$ 0.64900	$ 0.71190	Through 09/2016 Billing Cycle	Fixed Rate Through 09/2016	$ 0.00
	26585	$ 0.52400	$ 0.58690	Through 03/2014 Billing Cycle	Fixed Rate and No Cancel Fee Through 03/2014	$ 0.00
	26583	$ 0.57400	$ 0.63690	Through 09/2014 Billing Cycle	Fixed Rate and No Cancel Fee Through 09/2014	$ 0.00
Integrys Energy Services, Inc.	26626	$ 0.57500	$ 0.63790	Through 11/2015 Billing Cycle	24 month price	$ 25.00
	26627	$ 0.59900	$ 0.66190	Through 11/2016 Billing Cycle	36 month price	$ 25.00
	26625	$ 0.54900	$ 0.61190	Through 11/2014 Billing Cycle	Annual Fixed Price	$ 25.00
My Choice Energy	26608	$ 0.55500	$ 0.61790	Through 01/2015 Billing Cycle		$ 25.00
Ohio Natural Gas	26521	$ 0.55900	$ 0.62190	12 -Month	Get 2,500 Delta Miles. Visit onlyong.com/delta use DELTAFALL	$ 150.00
	26520	$ 0.52900	$ 0.59190	6 -Month	Get 2,500 Delta Miles. Visit onlyong.com/delta use DELTAFALL	$ 75.00
Santanna Energy Services	26541	$ 0.46900	$ 0.53190	3 -Month	After 3-month term, renews monthly on market price plan.	$ 0.00
XOOM Energy Ohio, LLC	26553	$ 0.53800	$ 0.60090	12 -Month	XOOM Energy's SureLock 12 fixed product	$ 100.00

Monthly Variable Rate Plan

Supplier Name	*Plan ID*	*Supplier Base Rate*	*Supplier Total Rate*	*Contract Term*	*Plan Description*	*Contract Early Termination Fee*

Cincinnati Bell Energy	26636	$ 0.52500	$ 0.58790	Monthly	Monthly Variable Rate	$ 0.00
Future Now Energy	26514	$ 0.50512	$ 0.56802	Monthly	Offer rate based on current monthly rate less 18% rebate	$ 0.00
Integrys Energy Services, Inc.	26628	$ 0.48200	$ 0.54490	Monthly	December 2013 Variable Price	$ 0.00
Just Energy	26595	$ 0.46680	$ 0.52970	Monthly	Posted Intro Price: 5% below Utility for first month	$ 0.00
North American Power and Gas		$ 0.8640	$ 0.9274	Through 12/2013 Billing Cycle	100% Carbon Offset General Variable Rate	$ 0.00
		$ 0.7640	$ 0.8274	Through 12/2013 Billing Cycle	100% Carbon Offset Promotional Rate, thereafter, rates are Monthly Variabe Rates	$ 0.00
		$ 0.6690	$ 0.7324	Through 12/2013 Billing Cycle	25% Carbon Offset General Variable Rate	$ 0.00
		$ 0.5690	$ 0.6324	Through 12/2013 Billing Cycle	25% Carbon Offset Promotional Rate, thereafter, rates are Monthly Variabe Rates	$ 0.00
Ohio Natural Gas	26522	$ 0.39900	$ 0.46190	Monthly	Variable Plan with a discounted rate for the first 2 months	$ 0.00
Santanna Energy Services	26540	$ 0.56600	$ 0.62890	Monthly	Variable Rate for December 2013 Billing Period.	$ 0.00
Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.	26569	$ 0.50500	$ 0.56790	Monthly		$ 0.00
XOOM Energy Ohio, LLC	26554	$ 0.45900	$ 0.52190	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.	26624	$ 0.53700	$ 0.59990	12 -Month	Billing Period is October - November - December 2013	$ 25.00

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	26566	$ 0.48900	$ 0.55190	Monthly	Forecasted rate for your first month of service	$ 0.00
Ohio Natural Gas	26523	$ 0.54900	$ 0.61190	Monthly		$ 0.00
Palmco Energy OH, LLC		$ 0.4583	$ 0.5217	Monthly	Introductory rate for the first 2 months	$ 0.00

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Ohio Natural Gas	*26295*	$0.52900	$0.59190	Monthly	$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.

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?

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.

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: $0.5288/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) **789 Ccf** ÷ 12 **Average Monthly Usage: 65.75 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) **$0.5288** (average monthly usage) x 65.75 **Supplier Charge: $ 34.77**	(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) **$34.77** (county sales tax rate) x 0.07 **Sales Tax on Supplier Charge: $ 2.43**	(supplier charge) $_____ (county sales tax rate) x 0._____ **Sales Tax on Supplier Charge: $**_____
Step 5: Delivery Charge Multiply the delivery rate by your average monthly usage.	(delivery rate) **0.0634** (average monthly usage) x 65.75 **Delivery Charge:** $ **4.17**	(delivery rate) **0.0634** (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 $35.70. *(Customer charge includes Accelerated Main Replacement Program*	(supplier charge) **$ 34.77** (sales tax on supplier charge) 2.43 (delivery charge) 4.17 (monthly customer charge) + 35.70 **Supplier Estimated Monthly Cost: $77.04**	(supplier charge) $_____ (sales tax on supplier charge) _____ (delivery charge) _____ (monthly customer charge) + 35.70 **Supplier Estimated Monthly Cost: $**_____
Step 7: Duke Energy Ohio's (DUKE) Estimated Monthly Cost Multiply DUKE's current total rate *(includes gas and delivery charges, plus gross receipts tax)* by your average monthly usage, then add the monthly customer charge.	(DUKE's current total rate) **$0.5788** (average monthly usage) x 65.75 (subtotal) **$ 38.06** (monthly customer charge) + 35.70 **DUKE Estimated Monthly Cost: $73.76**	(DUKE's current total rate) **$0.5788** (average monthly usage) x_____ (subtotal) $_____ (monthly customer charge) + 35.70 **DUKE Estimated Monthly Cost: $**_____
Step 8: Compare Compare the supplier's estimated monthly cost to that of Duke Energy Ohio.	**Supplier: $77.04/month** **Duke Energy Ohio: $73.76/month**	**Supplier: $_____/month** **Duke Energy Ohio: $_____/month**