PUCO Apples to Apples Natural Gas Rate Comparison Chart

Vectren Energy Delivery of 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.

Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio's Rate

By Opinion and Order issued on April 30, 2008, the PUCO approved the application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio (Vectren) to begin providing commodity service to its retail sales customers via a Standard Sales Offer (SSO) Service rate. The SSO rate replaces the Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate on all non-Energy Choice customer bills and is based on the New York Mercantile Exchange month-end settlement price, plus a Retail Price Adjustment. The SSO rate varies each month and represents costs associated with securing natural gas for customers who purchase gas from Vectren. Effective with the first billing cycle in October 2008, the new Retail Price Adjustment is **$0.235** per hundred cubic feet (Ccf). Vectren's current total rate is **$1.06208** per Ccf, effective from **January 01, 2009** to **January 31, 2009**. This includes the SSO rate of **$0.86026** per Ccf, a gross receipts tax of **$0.04195** per Ccf, and transportation costs of **$0.15987** per Ccf.

Contact information for Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio: One Vectren Sq., Evansville, IN 47708, (800) 227-1376, www.Vectrenenergy.com.

PUCO-Certified Retail Natural Gas Suppliers Actively Soliciting New Customers

Supplier Name	Web Page Address	Telephone
IGS Energy	*http://www.igsenergy.com*	*(877) 444-7427*
MxEnergy, Inc.	*http://www.mxenergy.com*	*(888) 898-4323*
Ohio Natural Gas	*http://www.onlyong.com*	*(888) 466-4427*
Vectren Source	*http://www.vectrensource.com*	*(800) 516-6740*

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 ***$1.06208/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

	Plan ID	Supplier Base Rate	Supplier Total Rate	Contract Term	Plan Description	Contract Early Termination Fee
IGS Energy	4815	$1.05000	$1.20987	Through 11/2009 Billing Cycle		$0.00
Ohio Natural Gas	4807	$0.99900	$1.15887	12-Month		$50.00
Vectren Source	4832	$1.03000	$1.18987	12-Month		$125.00

Monthly Variable Rate Plans

	Plan ID	Supplier Base Rate	Supplier Total Rate	Contract Term	Plan Description	Contract Early Termination Fee
MxEnergy, Inc.	4824	$0.99900	$1.15887	Monthly		$0.00
Ohio Natural Gas	4806	$0.82900	$0.98887	Monthly		$0.00
Vectren Source	4833	$0.92200	$1.08187	Monthly		$0.00

Variable Rate Plans

	Plan ID	Supplier Base Rate	Supplier Total Rate	Contract Term	Plan Description	Contract Early Termination Fee
IGS Energy	4814	$0.83030	$0.99017	Through 8/2009 Billing Cycle	Guaranteed Savings off the SSO!	$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.

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

Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) Rate: Former mechanism that was used to provide a dollar-for-dollar recovery of costs incurred by a natural gas utility to purchase natural gas to its system. The GCR mechanism enabled the local utility to correct any over or under collections of natural gas costs in previous periods and is currently replaced by a Standard Sales Offer (SSO) Service rate.

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 added to the SSO 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.

Standard Sales Offer (SSO) Service: As of Oct. 1, 2008, the commodity portion of Vectren general sales customers bills is based on the SSO gas cost charge, which replaces the "Gas Cost Recovery Charges" line item. The SSO is based on the New York Mercantile Exchange month-end settlement price, plus a Retail Price Adjustment. Effective with the first billing cycle in October 2008 through March 31, 2010, the new Retail Price Adjustment is **$0.235** per hundred cubic feet (Ccf). The SSO rate varies each month and represents costs associated with securing natural gas for customers who purchase gas from Vectren.

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?

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: $0.8121/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) **768 Ccf** ÷ 12 **Average Monthly Usage: 64.00 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) **$0.8121** (average monthly usage) **x 64.00** **Supplier Charge: $ 51.97**	(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) **$ 51.97** (county sales tax rate) x 0.07 **Sales Tax on Supplier Charge: $ 3.64**	(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) **$0.15987** (average monthly usage) x 64.00 **Delivery Charge: $ 10.23**	(delivery rate) **$0.15987** (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 $7.00.	(supplier charge) **$ 51.97** (sales tax on supplier charge) 3.64 (delivery charge) 10.23 (monthly customer charge) + 7.00 **Supplier Estimated Monthly Cost: $ 72.84**	(supplier charge) **$ _____** (sales tax on supplier charge) _____ (delivery charge) _____ (monthly customer charge) + 7.00 **Supplier Estimated Monthly Cost: $ _____**
Step 7: Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio's (VEDO) Estimated Monthly Cost Multiply VEDO's current total rate *(includes gas and delivery charges, plus gross receipts tax)* by your average monthly usage, then add the monthly customer charge.	(VEDO's current total rate) **$1.06208** (average monthly usage) x 64.00 (subtotal) **$ 67.97** (monthly customer charge) + 7.00 **VEDO Estimated Monthly Cost: $ 74.97**	(VEDO's current total rate) **$1.06208** (average monthly usage) x_____ (subtotal) **$ _____** (monthly customer charge) + 7.00 **VEDO Estimated Monthly Cost: $_____**
Step 8: Compare Compare the supplier's estimated monthly cost to that of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio.	**Supplier: $72.84/month** **Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio: $74.97/month**	**Supplier: $_____/month** **Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio: $_____/month**