



PUCO Apples to Apples Natural Gas Rate Comparison Chart

Dominion East 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. The PUCO updates the charts on a regular basis and verifies each supplier offer to ensure accuracy. The chart below lists only the certified suppliers that are actively enrolling new customers. 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.

The PUCO provides the tools you need to calculate your estimated cost. The self-calculation worksheet following the chart below 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 our interactive calculator and automatically calculate your estimated costs.

Dominion East Ohio's Rate

Effective October 12, 2006, Dominion East Ohio's (DEO) sales customers will pay a **Standard Service Offer (SSO) Rate**. Under a two-year pilot program approved by the PUCO, the SSO replaces the former Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) mechanism. The SSO is based on the New York Mercantile Exchange month-end settlement price, plus a Retail Price Adjustment of **\$1.44** per thousand cubic feet (Mcf). The new SSO rate varies each month and represents costs associated with securing natural gas for customers who purchase gas from DEO, as did the GCR. Effective January 17, 2007 through February 14, 2007, **DEO's current total sales rate is \$9.8871 per Mcf**. This includes the SSO rate of **\$7.2780** per Mcf, plus a Surcredit Rider Offset of **\$0.0053**, a gross receipts tax on the SSO rate of **\$0.3563** per Mcf, and transportation costs of **\$2.2475** per Mcf. **Contact information for Dominion East Ohio: 1201 East 55th St., Cleveland, OH 44103-1028, (800) 362-7557, www.dom.com.**

Supplier Rate Offers

The chart below reflects the current offers provided by suppliers that are actively soliciting customers. **Published price offers and contract terms are subject to change without prior notice and exclude applicable state and county sales tax. Consumers should check with suppliers to verify offers before signing a contract.**

Supplier Name	Current Offer per Mcf	Contract Term	Total Rate per Mcf*
Commerce Energy (877) 226-5371 www.commerceenergy.com	Monthly Variable Rate Plan - \$9.835	Monthly	\$12.0825
Direct Energy (888) 566-9988 www.directenergy.com	a) Fixed Rate Plan - \$10.69 b) Fixed Rate Plan - \$10.39 [Plan B rate offer: Two-Month Introductory Rate – 10% discount.]	a) One-Year b) One-Year	a) \$12.9375 b) \$12.6375
Dominion East Ohio Energy (800) 990-4090 www.dom.com/about/companies/retail/choice_eoe.jsp	Fixed Rate Plan - \$10.49	Through Oct. 2007	\$12.7375
Energy Cooperative of Ohio via SOAR Energy (877) 439-3706 www.soarenergy.org	Monthly Variable Rate Plan - \$10.50	Monthly	\$12.7475
Interstate Gas Supply (877) 444-7427 www.igsenergy.com	Monthly Variable Rate with Stable Pricing Plan - \$9.99 through 8/07 [Monthly variable rate, thereafter.]	Monthly	\$12.2375



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Lakeshore Energy Services (888) 200-3788	Monthly Variable Rate Plan - \$9.31	Through Mar. 2008	\$11.5575
MxEnergy (800) 785-4373 www.mxenergy.com	a) Fixed Rate Plan - \$11.70 b) Fixed Rate Plan - \$10.90 c) Fixed Rate Plan - \$9.89 d) Monthly Variable Rate Plan - \$9.70	a) Three-Year b) One-Year c) Six-Month d) Monthly	a) \$13.9475 b) \$13.1475 c) \$12.1375 d) \$11.9475
Peoples Energy Services (866) 273-5469 www.peoplesenergy.net	Fixed Rate Plan - \$10.50	One-Year	\$12.7475
Vectren Source (800) 516-6753 www.vectrensource.com	a) Fixed Rate Plan - \$10.50 b) Monthly Variable Rate Plan - \$7.8211	a) One-Year b) Monthly	a) \$12.7475 b) \$10.0686
WPS Energy Services (866) 470-5448 http://www.wpsenergy.com/ohio	a) Fixed Rate Plan - \$9.75 b) Monthly Variable Rate Plan - \$7.158 c) Monthly Variable Capped-Rate Plan - \$7.458 <i>[Rate not to exceed \$12.00/Mcf through 3/07; New capped rate to be established, thereafter.]</i> d) Quarterly Variable Rate Plan - \$8.580 <i>[Rate offer effective for new quarterly rate enrollments only; Effective Quarter 01/07-03/07.]</i> e) Fixed Winter - Variable Summer Rate Plan - \$11.70 <i>[Winter Rate fixed at \$11.70 12/06-5/07; Monthly variable rate, thereafter.]</i>	a) Through Nov. 2007 b) One-Year c) One-Year d) One-Year e) One-Year	a) \$11.9975 b) \$9.40550 c) \$9.70550 d) \$10.8275 e) \$13.9475

* Includes transportation rate charge



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Chart Definitions

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.

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 SSO rate charged for the natural gas based on the volume of gas consumed (per Mcf).

Mcf: One thousand cubic feet; a unit used to measure natural gas usage.

Migration Rider: The rider recovers DEO's costs of balancing gas deliveries to Dominion East Ohio's system and the customers' actual consumption. This rider is adjusted quarterly.

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

Standard Service Offer (SSO) Rate: The SSO replaces the former Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) mechanism, under a two-year pilot program approved by the PUCO, effective October 12, 2006. The SSO is based on the New York Mercantile Exchange month-end settlement price, plus a Retail Price Adjustment of \$1.44 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf). The new SSO rate varies each month and represents costs associated with securing natural gas for customers who purchase gas from DEO, as did the GCR.

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

Surcredit Rider: An adjustment used to reimburse customers for charges attributable to natural gas commodity sales service for customers that no longer purchase their natural gas from the local utility. The surcredit rider remains in effect until the local utility establishes new base rates and recalculates the surcredit rider for CHOICE customers, who no longer purchase natural gas from their local utility.

Total Rate: Comprised of the supplier's natural gas commodity prices, plus DEO's 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, uncollectible expense rider, competitive retail natural gas service surcredit rider, and a migration rider.

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.

	Example	Your Calculation
Step 1: Supplier Offer Insert the supplier's current offer.	Supplier Offer: \$9.00/Mcf	Supplier Offer: \$ _____/Mcf
Step 2: Figure your Average Monthly Usage Divide your annual gas usage in Mcf (provided on your monthly bill) by 12.	(annual gas usage) 112 ÷ 12 <hr/> Average Monthly Usage: 9.3 Mcf	(annual gas usage) _____ ÷ 12 <hr/> Average Monthly Usage: _____ Mcf
Step 3: Supplier Charge Multiply the supplier offer by your monthly gas usage.	(supplier offer) \$9.00 (average monthly usage) x 9.3 <hr/> Supplier Charge: \$83.70	(supplier offer) \$ _____ (average monthly usage) x _____ <hr/> Supplier Charge: \$ _____
Step 4: Tax on Supplier Charge Multiply the supplier charge by your County sales tax rate (to obtain this rate, use the map on the next page).	(supplier charge) \$83.70 (County sales tax rate) x 0.07 <hr/> Tax on Supplier Charge: \$5.86	(supplier charge) \$ _____ (County sales tax rate) x 0. _____ <hr/> Tax on Supplier Charge: \$ _____
Step 5: Delivery Charge Multiply the delivery rate by your average monthly usage.	(delivery rate) \$2.2475 (average monthly usage) x 9.3 <hr/> Delivery Charge: \$20.90	(delivery rate) \$ 2.2475 (average monthly usage) x _____ <hr/> 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 \$5.70.	(supplier charge) \$83.70 (tax on supplier charge) 5.86 (delivery charge) 20.90 (monthly customer charge) + 5.70 <hr/> Estimated Monthly Cost: \$116.16	(supplier charge) \$ _____ (tax on supplier charge) _____ (delivery charge) _____ (monthly customer charge) + 5.70 <hr/> Estimated Monthly Cost: \$ _____
Step 7: Dominion East Ohio's Estimated Monthly Cost Multiply Dominion East Ohio's current total rate by your average monthly usage, then add the monthly customer charge.	(current total rate) \$9.8871 (average monthly usage) x 9.3 <hr/> (subtotal) \$91.95 (monthly customer charge) + 5.70 <hr/> Estimated Monthly Cost: \$97.65	(current total rate) \$9.8871 (average monthly usage) x _____ <hr/> (subtotal) \$ _____ (monthly customer charge) + 5.70 <hr/> Estimated Monthly Cost: \$ _____
Step 8: Compare Compare the supplier's estimated monthly cost to that of Dominion East Ohio.	Supplier: \$116.16/month Dominion East Ohio: \$97.65/month	Supplier: \$ _____/month Dominion East Ohio: \$ _____/month

