



# 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](http://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 September 14, 2007 through October 14, 2007, **DEO's current total sales rate is \$10.0779 per Mcf**. This includes the SSO rate of **\$6.8700** per Mcf, plus a Surcredit Rider Offset of **\$0.0053**, a gross receipts tax on the SSO rate of **\$0.3363** per Mcf, and transportation costs of **\$2.8663** per Mcf. **Contact information for Dominion East Ohio: 1201 East 55th St., Cleveland, OH 44103-1028, (800) 362-7557, [www.dom.com](http://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*
<b>Commerce Energy</b> (877) 226-5371 <a href="http://www.commerceenergy.com">www.commerceenergy.com</a>	a) Fixed Rate Plan - \$10.00 b) Fixed Rate Plan - \$10.62 c) Monthly Variable Rate Plan - \$11.36232	a) One-Year b) Two-Year c) Monthly	a) \$12.8663 b) \$13.4863 c) \$14.2286
<b>Direct Energy</b> (888) 566-9988 <a href="http://www.directenergy.com">www.directenergy.com</a>	Fixed Rate Plan - \$10.89	Through Mar. 2008	\$13.7563
<b>Dominion East Ohio Energy</b> (800) 990-4090 <a href="http://www.dom.com/about/companies/retail/choice_eoe.jsp">www.dom.com/about/companies/retail/choice_eoe.jsp</a>	Fixed Rate Plan - \$10.49	Through Sept. 2008	\$13.3563
<b>Energy Cooperative of Ohio via SOAR Energy</b> (877) 439-3706 <a href="http://www.soarenergy.org">www.soarenergy.org</a>	Monthly Variable Rate Plan - \$9.65	Monthly	\$12.5163



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<b>Integrus Energy Services, Inc.</b> (866) 470-5448 <a href="http://www.integrusenergy.com">www.integrusenergy.com</a>	a) Fixed Rate Plan - \$9.99 b) Monthly Variable Rate Plan - \$6.75 c) Monthly Variable Capped-Rate Plan - \$7.06 [ <i>Rate not to exceed \$12.00/Mcf through 03/08; New capped rate to be established, thereafter.</i> ] d) Quarterly Variable Rate Plan - \$8.935 [ <i>Effective Quarter 07/07-09/07.</i> ] e) Variable Rate with Variable Summer/Fixed Winter Rate Plan - \$6.75 [ <i>Summer Rate effective 08/07-10/07; Winter Rate to be determined.</i> ] f) Variable Rate with Stable Pricing Plan - \$9.99 [ <i>Rate not to exceed \$10.83/Mcf through contract term.</i> ]	All Plans: One-Year	a) \$12.8563 b) \$ 9.6163 c) \$ 9.9263 d) \$11.8013 e) \$ 9.6163 f) \$12.8563
<b>Interstate Gas Supply</b> (877) 444-7427 <a href="http://www.igsenergy.com">www.igsenergy.com</a>	Fixed Rate Plan - \$9.99	Until Oct. 2008	\$12.8563
<b>Lakeshore Energy Services</b> (888) 200-3788 <a href="http://www.lakeshoreenergy.com">www.lakeshoreenergy.com</a>	Monthly Variable Rate Plan - \$7.96	Through Mar. 2008	\$10.8263
<b>MxEnergy</b> (800) 785-4373 <a href="http://www.mxenergy.com">www.mxenergy.com</a>	a) Fixed Rate Plan - \$9.75 b) Fixed Rate Plan - \$11.39 c) Fixed Rate Plan - \$10.76 d) Monthly Variable Rate Plan - \$7.45 e) Monthly Variable Rate Plan - \$9.69 [ <i>Three-month Introductory Rate.</i> ]	a) One-Year b) Three-Year c) Six-Month d) Monthly e) Monthly	a) \$12.6163 b) \$14.2563 c) \$13.6263 d) \$10.3163 e) \$12.5563
<b>Vectren Source</b> (800) 516-6753 <a href="http://www.vectrensource.com">www.vectrensource.com</a>	a) Fixed Rate Plan - \$11.30 b) Monthly Variable Rate Plan - \$8.4254	a) One-Year b) Monthly	a) \$14.1663 b) \$11.2917

\* Includes transportation rate charge



## 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?



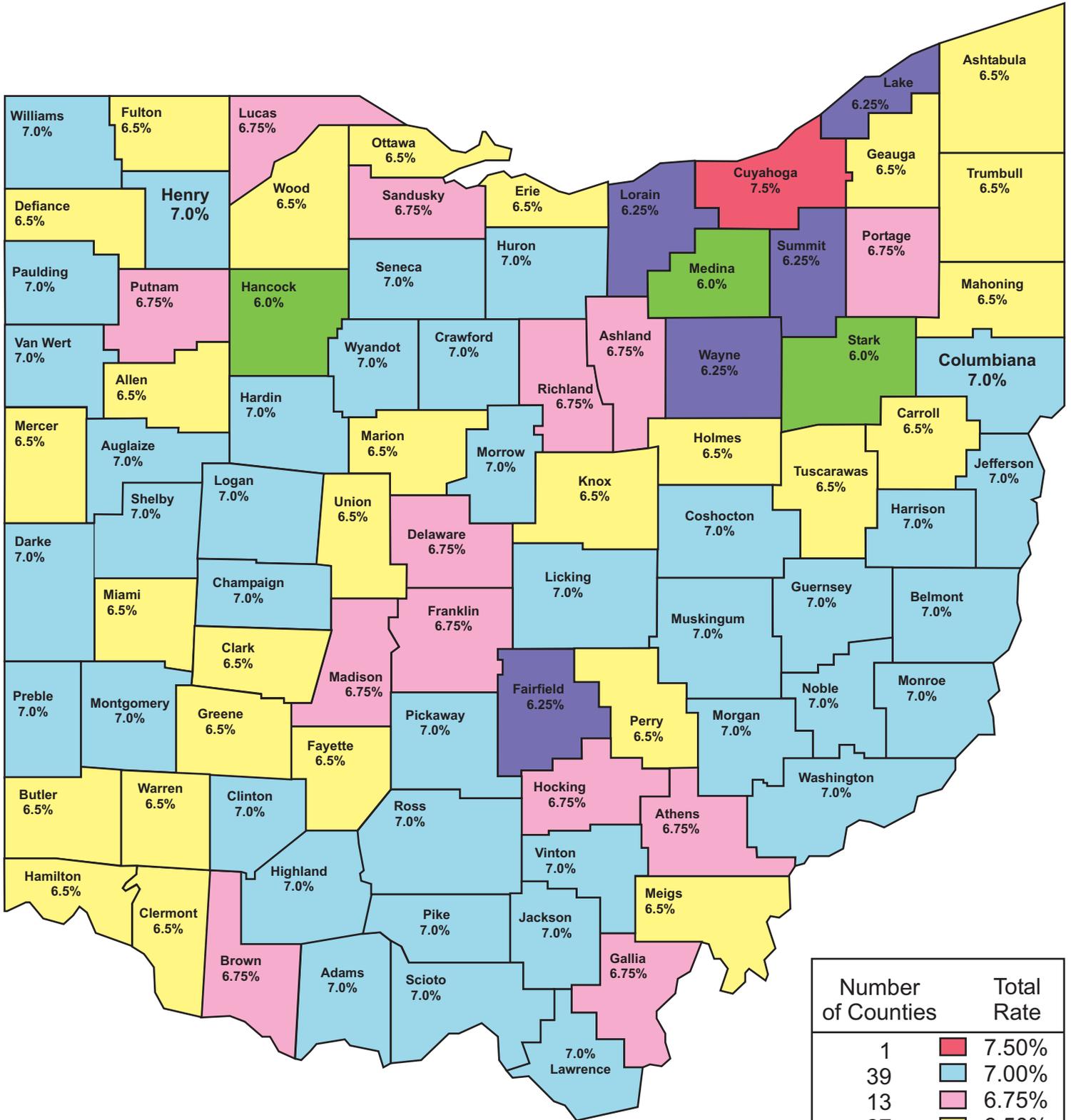
## Self-Calculation Worksheet

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](http://www.PUCO.ohio.gov) to access our interactive *Apples to Apples* calculator.

	Example	Your Calculation
<b>Step 1: Supplier Offer</b> Insert the supplier's current offer.	<b>Supplier Offer: \$10.00/Mcf</b>	<b>Supplier Offer: \$ _____/Mcf</b>
<b>Step 2: Figure your Average Monthly Usage</b> Divide your annual gas usage in Mcf (provided on your monthly bill) by 12.	(annual gas usage)    103 Mcf ÷ 12 <hr/> <b>Average Monthly Usage:    8.6 Mcf</b>	(annual gas usage)    _____ ÷ 12 <hr/> <b>Average Monthly Usage:    _____ Mcf</b>
<b>Step 3: Supplier Charge</b> Multiply the supplier offer by your monthly gas usage.	(supplier offer) <b>\$10.00</b> (average monthly usage)    x 8.6 <hr/> <b>Supplier Charge:    \$86.00</b>	(supplier offer)    \$ _____ (average monthly usage)    x _____ <hr/> <b>Supplier Charge:    \$ _____</b>
<b>Step 4: Tax on Supplier Charge</b> Multiply the supplier charge by your County sales tax rate (to obtain this rate, use the map on the next page).	(supplier charge) <b>\$86.00</b> (County sales tax rate)    x 0.07 <hr/> <b>Tax on Supplier Charge:    \$6.02</b>	(supplier charge)    \$ _____ (County sales tax rate)    x 0. _____ <hr/> <b>Tax on Supplier Charge:    \$ _____</b>
<b>Step 5: Delivery Charge</b> Multiply the delivery rate by your average monthly usage.	(delivery rate) <b>\$2.8663</b> (average monthly usage)    x 8.6 <hr/> <b>Delivery Charge:    \$24.65</b>	(delivery rate) <b>\$ 2.8663</b> (average monthly usage)    x _____ <hr/> <b>Delivery Charge:    \$ _____</b>
<b>Step 6: Supplier Estimated Monthly Cost</b> Add the supplier charge, the tax on supplier charge, the delivery charge, and a monthly customer charge of \$5.70.	(supplier charge) <b>\$86.00</b> (tax on supplier charge) <b>6.02</b> (delivery charge) <b>24.65</b> (monthly customer charge)    + <b>5.70</b> <hr/> <b>Estimated Monthly Cost:    \$122.37</b>	(supplier charge)    \$ _____ (tax on supplier charge)    _____ (delivery charge)    _____ (monthly customer charge)    + <b>5.70</b> <hr/> <b>Estimated Monthly Cost:    \$ _____</b>
<b>Step 7: Dominion East Ohio's Estimated Monthly Cost</b> Multiply Dominion East Ohio's current total rate by your average monthly usage, then add the monthly customer charge.	(current total rate) <b>\$10.0779</b> (average monthly usage)    x 8.6 <hr/> (subtotal) <b>\$86.67</b> (monthly customer charge)    + 5.70 <hr/> <b>Estimated Monthly Cost:    \$92.37</b>	(current total rate) <b>\$10.0779</b> (average monthly usage)    x _____ <hr/> (subtotal)    \$ _____ (monthly customer charge)    + <b>5.70</b> <hr/> <b>Estimated Monthly Cost:    \$ _____</b>
<b>Step 8: Compare</b> Compare the supplier's estimated monthly cost to that of Dominion East Ohio.	<b>Supplier: \$122.37/month</b> <b>Dominion East Ohio: \$92.37/month</b>	<b>Supplier: \$ _____/month</b> <b>Dominion East Ohio: \$ _____/month</b>



# Total State and Local Sales Tax Rates, By County Effective April 2007



**New Rates:**

Columbiana County 7.00% (previously 6.50%)  
 Henry County 7.00% (previously 6.50%)



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**STATE AND PERMISSIVE SALES TAX RATES  
 BY COUNTY, APRIL 2007**

County	County Tax Rate	Transit Tax Rate	Total State & Local Rate	County	County Tax Rate	Transit Tax Rate	Total State & Local Rate
Adams	1.50%	--	7.00%	Licking	1.50%	--	7.00%
Allen	1.00	--	6.50	Logan	1.50	--	7.00
Ashland	1.25	--	6.75	Lorain	0.75	--	6.25
Ashtabula	1.00	--	6.50	Lucas	1.25	--	6.75
Athens	1.25	--	6.75	Madison	1.25	--	6.75
Auglaize	1.50	--	7.00	Mahoning	1.00	--	6.50
Belmont	1.50	--	7.00	Marion	1.00	--	6.50
Brown	1.25	--	6.75	Medina	0.50	--	6.00
Butler	1.00	--	6.50	Meigs	1.00	--	6.50
Carroll	1.00	--	6.50	Mercer	1.00	--	6.50
Champaign	1.50	--	7.00	Miami	1.00	--	6.50
Clark	1.00	--	6.50	Monroe	1.50	--	7.00
Clermont	1.00	--	6.50	Montgomery	1.00	0.50%	7.00
Clinton	1.50	--	7.00	Morgan	1.50	--	7.00
Columbiana	1.50	--	7.00	Morrow	1.50	--	7.00
Coshocton	1.50	--	7.00	Muskingum	1.50	--	7.00
Crawford	1.50	--	7.00	Noble	1.50	--	7.00
Cuyahoga	1.00	1.00%	7.50	Ottawa	1.00	--	6.50
Darke	1.50	--	7.00	Paulding	1.50	--	7.00
Defiance	1.00	--	6.50	Perry	1.00	--	6.50
Delaware	1.25	--	6.75	Pickaway	1.50	--	7.00
Erie	1.00	--	6.50	Pike	1.50	--	7.00
Fairfield	0.75	--	6.25	Portage	1.00	0.25	6.75
Fayette	1.00	--	6.50	Preble	1.50	--	7.00
Franklin	1.00	0.25	6.75	Putnam	1.25	--	6.75
Fulton	1.00	--	6.50	Richland	1.25	--	6.75
Gallia	1.25	--	6.75	Ross	1.50	--	7.00
Geauga	1.00	--	6.50	Sandusky	1.25	--	6.75
Greene	1.00	--	6.50	Scioto	1.50	--	7.00
Guernsey	1.50	--	7.00	Seneca	1.50	--	7.00
Hamilton	1.00	--	6.50	Shelby	1.50	--	7.00
Hancock	0.50	--	6.00	Stark	0.25	0.25	6.00
Hardin	1.50	--	7.00	Summit	0.50	0.25	6.25
Harrison	1.50	--	7.00	Trumbull	1.00	--	6.50
Henry	1.50	--	7.00	Tuscarawas	1.00	--	6.50
Highland	1.50	--	7.00	Union	1.00	--	6.50
Hocking	1.25	--	6.75	Van Wert	1.50	--	7.00
Holmes	1.00	--	6.50	Vinton	1.50	--	7.00
Huron	1.50	--	7.00	Warren	1.00	--	6.50
Jackson	1.50	--	7.00	Washington	1.50	--	7.00
Jefferson	1.50	--	7.00	Wayne	0.75	--	6.25
Knox	1.00	--	6.50	Williams	1.50	--	7.00
Lake	0.50	0.25	6.25	Wood	1.00	--	6.50
Lawrence	1.50	--	7.00	Wyandot	1.50	--	7.00

**NOTE: State rate is now 5.5%.**

**February 28, 2007**