



# APPLES TO APPLES

## NATURAL GAS RATE PLANS FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

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The  
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produces the Apples to Apples chart to provide consumers with a "snapshot" comparison of current supplier price options, contract terms, and an estimated annual total cost.

Current Cincinnati Gas & Electric (CG&E) customer rates are based on the Commission-approved gas cost recovery (GCR) rate, which changes quarterly based on CG&E's actual gas costs. Once you choose a natural gas supplier, you become a gas CHOICE customer whose rates are based on the contracted supplier's price. For purposes of this chart, we have calculated estimated annual total costs based on the average annual gas consumption amount of 915 Ccf. Ccf stands for 100 cubic feet of natural gas. **Your actual cost will vary according to your actual usage.**

**Although there may be other approved marketers serving customers in the CG&E gas choice program, the Apples to Apples chart only lists the approved-marketers that are actively enrolling 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 gas service. **Published price options and contract terms are subject to change without prior notice.**

See the reverse side of this chart for questions concerning how this chart was calculated and to learn how you can calculate your own estimated annual total cost or contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's hotline at 1-800-686-PUCO (7826) and in the Columbus area at 466-3292 or 1-800-686-1570 for TTY-TDD hearing impaired.

[Please read the reverse side before you choose a supplier.](#)

SUPPLIER	PRICE OPTIONS	CONTRACT TERM	TOTAL RATE*	ESTIMATED ANNUAL TOTAL COST**
<a href="#">CINCINNATI GAS &amp; ELECTRIC</a>	Current Gas Plan ( <b>current GCR is \$0.6887/Ccf</b> ), includes ( <b>\$0.0306</b> ) excise tax.	N/A	\$0.8586/Ccf	\$851.62
TITAN ENERGY, INC. 1-888-427-4872	Monthly Variable Rate Plan is \$0.599/Ccf <b>first month</b> , plus sales tax . <a href="#">Variable Monthly Rate Thereafter.</a>	3-Year	\$0.8011/Ccf ( <b>first month</b> )	N/A

\* *The Total Rate Column* includes the CG&E transportation delivery and customer choice rider charges for all customers. CG&E charges its customers a gross receipts tax on the amount of gas used (per Ccf) and Suppliers must, by law, charge customers a sales tax on the amount of gas used (per Ccf). For the purposes of this chart, the gross receipts tax is included in CG&E's total rate but, because sales tax vary, ranging anywhere from 5.5 to 7 percent throughout Ohio, sales tax is not included in the Supplier's total rate. See the reverse side for the actual numbers used.

\*\* *The Estimated Annual Total Cost Column* includes the price you pay the supplier for gas used, applicable taxes, and the monthly service and transportation delivery charges you have always paid to CG&E, for the safe, reliable delivery of gas to your home.

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OR VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT WWW.PUC.STATE.OH.US



## "How Do I Calculate My Estimated Annual Gas Bill?"

### Cincinnati Gas & Electric Bill



Using the Cincinnati Gas & Electric GCR (Gas Cost Recovery) rate of \$0.6887 (includes excise tax at a rate of 4.89%) per Ccf (100 cubic feet) for a household that consumes 915 Ccf in one year:

GCR Rate \$0.6887 (Includes Customer Choice Rider Rate @ \$0.0322, plus excise tax of \$0.0306) (x) Gas Consumption	\$0.6887/Ccf	x 915 Ccf	=	\$630.16
**Gas Usage Charge (\$0.1620) (+) Gross receipts tax@ 4.89% (\$0.0079) (x) Gas Consumption	\$0.1699/Ccf	x 915 Ccf	=	\$155.46
Monthly Customer Charge (+) excise tax (x) 12 months	\$5.50/month	x 12 Months	=	\$ 66.00
<b>Estimated Annual Total Cost:</b>			=	<b>\$851.62</b>

### Supplier "A"

Suppose Supplier "A" offers a fixed rate of \$0.600 per Ccf (plus sales tax) and you consume 915 Ccf in one year. We calculate the estimated annual total costs as follows:

Supplier Rate x Gas Usage	\$0.600/Ccf	x 915 Ccf	=	\$549.00
Sales Tax (using 6.0%)*	.06	x \$549.00	=	\$ 32.94
**Gas Usage Charge (\$0.1699 incl. tax) (+) Customer Choice Rider (\$0.0322 incl. tax) (x) Gas Consumption	\$0.2021/Ccf	x 915 Ccf	=	\$184.92
Monthly Customer Charge (includes excise tax) (x) 12 months	\$5.50/month	x 12 Months	=	\$ 66.00
<b>Estimated Annual Total Cost:</b>			=	<b>\$832.86</b>

### Self-Calculation Form

Use this Form to calculate your own estimated annual total cost for a supplier.

Supplier Rate x Gas Usage	\$ ____/Ccf	x 915 Ccf	=	\$ ____
Your County Sales Tax* (i.e. 6% = .06)	_____/Sales Tax Rate]	x\$ ____/ [Supplier rate x gas usage total]	=	\$ ____
Gas Usage Charge (\$0.1699 incl. tax) (+) Customer Choice Rider (\$0.0322 incl. tax) (x) Gas Consumption	\$0.2021/Ccf	x 915 Ccf	=	\$184.92
Monthly Customer Charge (includes excise tax) (x) 12 months	\$5.50/month	x 12 Months	=	\$ 66.00
<b>Estimated Annual Total Cost:</b>			=	<b>\$ ____</b>

\*This example uses sales tax of 6.00%. CG&E pays a gross receipts tax on the GCR @ a rate of 4.89%, while suppliers are subject to sales tax on the commodity.

\*\* The CG&E calculations above use a \$0.1699/Ccf gas delivery charge instead of \$0.2021/Ccf that is used in the Supplier A chart. For the purposes of this calculation, two different charges are used, because the customer choice rider (\$0.0322) that is the difference between the two charges, is already built into the CG&E gas cost recovery rate that is used to calculate the CG&E bill. You pay the same amount for the delivery of your gas whether you are a Choice customer or not.

