



Historical Regulated Natural Gas Rates for Columbia Gas of Ohio

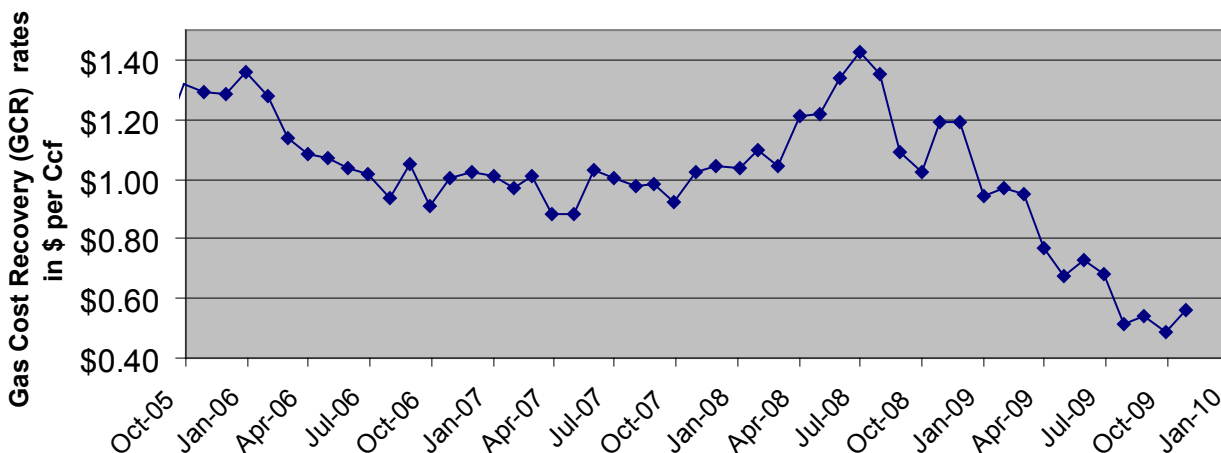
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This chart was created to provide Columbia Gas of Ohio customers information about the company's natural gas rates.

The Gas Cost Recovery Rate (GCR) – Regulated natural gas prices include the price utility companies pay for natural gas and the price for moving that natural gas from where it was purchased (Ohio gets the majority of its natural gas supply from Texas, Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico) to Ohio. Columbia Gas of Ohio currently calculates these costs every three months. The costs are then multiplied by an estimate of how much natural gas will be used by customers in the upcoming months to determine a price per unit of natural gas known as the Expected Gas Cost (EGC) rate.

At the end of each month, Columbia looks at the amount and cost of natural gas that was actually used compared to what it had estimated. Then, the company adjusts its next month's GCR rate higher or lower depending on whether it over or under collected its actual costs from customers.

These two elements - the EGC and any adjustments from the previous GCR rates - are combined to equal the new GCR rate. The GCR makes up 60 to 70 percent of your total bill. **The regulated natural gas company is not allowed to make a profit on the cost of natural gas, it passes this cost directly to the customer.**



Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate periods

Historical GCR rates \$ per Ccf

01/01/07	\$0.968	07/31/07	\$0.975	02/29/08	\$1.043	09/29/08	\$1.026	04/29/09	\$0.678
01/31/07	\$1.010	08/29/07	\$0.980	04/01/08	\$1.210	10/28/08	\$1.193	05/29/09	\$0.730
03/01/07	\$1.011	09/28/07	\$0.926	04/30/08	\$1.215	11/26/08	\$1.192	06/29/09	\$0.685
03/30/07	\$0.886	10/29/07	\$1.026	05/30/08	\$1.336	12/31/08	\$0.943	07/29/09	\$0.516
05/01/07	\$0.886	11/29/07	\$1.045	06/30/08	\$1.427	01/30/09	\$0.968	08/27/09	\$0.539
05/31/07	\$1.028	01/02/08	\$1.038	07/30/08	\$1.354	03/02/09	\$0.947	09/28/09	\$0.490
06/29/07	\$1.005	01/31/08	\$1.095	08/28/08	\$1.090	03/31/09	\$0.769	10/27/09	\$0.559

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