

Gas Price Update

Natural gas prices continue to decline as the end of the heating season nears

A decrease in heating demand due to moderating temperatures likely contributed to price declines for March. In addition to increased onshore natural gas production this year and relatively high levels of working gas in storage, another key factor likely contributing to the decreased natural gas prices is a lower industrial demand for natural gas as a result of the ongoing economic downturn. The price declines follow the general downward price trend that has prevailed since July 2008. Natural gas in storage is nearly 12% above the five-year average.

Don't forget to send in your rebate forms! March signals the end of the first quarter and nearly the end of the heating season. If you've already completed energy efficiency improvements at your organization this year, send in your completed rebate forms now. Completed rebate forms can be processed as soon as your project is complete, so don't wait! For more information, contact your account manager, call 612-321-4330 (800-234-5800 ext. 4330) or visit CenterPointEnergy.com/businessrebates.

March Gas Price Information

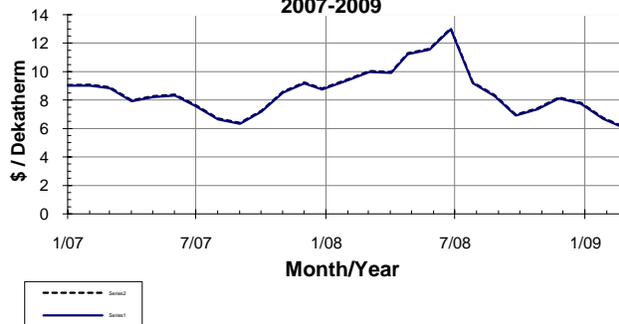
Effective Date **March 1, 2009**

Small Volume Dual Fuel: (A) 0-12,000 Dth/yr **\$6.16**
(B) 12,000+ Dth/yr **\$6.09**

Note: The price includes CenterPoint Energy's cost of gas for the current month with the Small Volume Dual Fuel A delivery charge of \$0.9260/dth and Small Volume Dual Fuel B delivery charge of \$0.8633/dth respectively.

For information on pricing, call your CenterPoint Energy Account Manager or (612) 321-4330.

Monthly Natural Gas Prices
SMALL VOLUME DUAL FUEL (A & B)
2007-2009



CENTERPOINT ENERGY SMALL VOLUME DUAL FUEL (\$/DEKATHERM)													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
2007A	\$9.07	\$9.09	\$8.91	\$7.98	\$8.28	\$8.39	\$7.63	\$6.73	\$6.41	\$7.25	\$8.58	\$9.24	\$8.13
2007B	\$9.01	\$9.03	\$8.85	\$7.92	\$8.22	\$8.33	\$7.57	\$6.66	\$6.35	\$7.18	\$8.52	\$9.17	\$8.07
2008A	\$8.82	\$9.48	\$10.05	\$9.98	\$11.29	\$11.60	\$13.04	\$9.26	\$8.34	\$6.99	\$7.44	\$8.19	\$9.54
2008B	\$8.76	\$9.41	\$9.99	\$9.91	\$11.23	\$11.54	\$12.97	\$9.20	\$8.28	\$6.93	\$7.38	\$8.12	\$9.48
2009A	\$7.81	\$6.76	\$6.16										
2009B	\$7.74	\$6.69	\$6.09										

NYMEX Natural Gas Futures

	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
2009/2010	\$4.03	\$4.12	\$4.25	\$4.40	\$4.48	\$4.53	\$4.63	\$5.16	\$5.73	\$6.00	\$6.01	\$5.90

Note: Prices based on NYMEX index of natural gas commodity futures as of February 26, 2009 (does not include any CenterPoint Energy delivery charges). The NYMEX index prices are subject to change daily. CenterPoint Energy's monthly cost of gas varies from the NYMEX index, based on a variety of factors.