

Gas Price Update

Natural gas prices hit a 10-year low

Natural gas prices have hit a new 10-year low, the result of a very warm winter, abundant production and storage. Also a factor contributing to lower prices is a decrease in consumption in the power generation sector. However, consumption increased in both residential/commercial and industrial sectors, both up approximately 1.5%. With natural gas in storage at 55% above the five-year average, prices are expected to remain low all year.

Don't miss your chance to attend CenterPoint Energy's 2012 Energy Efficiency & Technology Conference! The conference will be held on Tuesday, May 22, at the Marriott Southwest in Minnetonka. Conference sessions will cover energy efficiency strategies and money-saving rebate opportunities, natural gas vehicles, and technologies/innovations with natural gas equipment. You'll gain insight on how you can make the most of your energy investment at your facility. For more information and to register for this free event, visit CenterPointEnergy.com/BusinessTraining or call 612-321-4330 (800-234-5800 ext. 4330).

May Gas Price Information

Effective Date May 1, 2012

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| Small Volume Dual Fuel: | (A) 0-12,000 Dth/yr | \$3.16 |
| | (B) 12,000+ Dth/yr | \$3.10 |

Note: The price includes CenterPoint Energy's cost of gas for the current month with the Small Volume Dual Fuel A delivery charge of \$1.0922/dth and Small Volume Dual Fuel B delivery charge of \$1.0401/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)
2009-2012



| CENTERPOINT ENERGY SMALL VOLUME DUAL FUEL (\$/DEKATHERM) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|
| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | AVERAGE |
| 2009A | \$7.81 | \$6.76 | \$6.16 | \$5.08 | \$4.09 | \$4.10 | \$4.56 | \$4.52 | \$3.70 | \$4.92 | \$6.04 | \$6.05 | \$5.31 |
| 2009B | \$7.74 | \$6.69 | \$6.09 | \$5.01 | \$4.03 | \$4.04 | \$4.49 | \$4.45 | \$3.64 | \$4.86 | \$5.98 | \$5.99 | \$5.25 |
| 2010A | \$7.06 | \$6.79 | \$6.09 | \$4.95 | \$4.99 | \$5.00 | \$5.73 | \$5.49 | \$4.76 | \$5.23 | \$5.09 | \$5.97 | \$5.60 |
| 2010B | \$7.00 | \$6.72 | \$6.03 | \$4.88 | \$4.93 | \$4.94 | \$5.67 | \$5.44 | \$4.71 | \$5.18 | \$5.03 | \$5.92 | \$5.54 |
| 2011A | \$5.86 | \$6.05 | \$5.55 | \$5.86 | \$5.72 | \$5.72 | \$5.66 | \$5.74 | \$5.19 | \$5.12 | \$5.22 | \$5.12 | \$5.57 |
| 2011B | \$5.81 | \$6.00 | \$5.49 | \$5.81 | \$5.67 | \$5.67 | \$5.61 | \$5.69 | \$5.14 | \$5.07 | \$5.17 | \$5.07 | \$5.52 |
| 2012A | \$4.88 | \$4.54 | \$4.52 | \$3.51 | \$3.16 | | | | | | | | |
| 2012B | \$4.83 | \$4.49 | \$4.46 | \$3.46 | \$3.10 | | | | | | | | |

NYMEX Natural Gas Futures

| | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2012/2013 | \$2.16 | \$2.27 | \$2.35 | \$2.39 | \$2.48 | \$2.74 | \$3.07 | \$3.23 | \$3.25 | \$3.23 | \$3.21 | \$3.25 |

Note: Prices based on NYMEX index of natural gas commodity futures at Henry Hub as of April 27, 2012 (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.

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