

# Natural gas suppliers: Betty's picks

Prices change daily - prices as of Oct. 7

Natural gas supplier	Supplier rate (price per thousand cubic feet [mcf])	Offer details (contract terms)	Cancellation fee	Average annual price For A & B see below*
Dominion East Ohio 800-362-7557 www.dom.com	Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) is \$13.22	Changes monthly; rate is for Oct. 4 -Nov. 1	none	Not applicable
<b>Utility price if you don't pick a supplier</b>				
<b>If you want a one-year capped rate that may fall</b>				
<b>1.</b> Vectren Source 800-516-6740 www.vectrensource.com	Capped at \$15.35 until March 2006	One year; offer starts at the price cap, but prices could fall if market does. After March, offer moves to slightly higher than public monthly variable; offer limited to first 4,000.	\$25	Not applicable
<b>2.</b> WPS Energy Services 888-367-4493 www.wpsenergy.com/ohio	Capped at \$16.80	One year; if wholesale prices fall, company guarantees monthly price will fall 50% of drop.	\$25	Not applicable
<b>3.</b> MXenergy 800-785-4373 www.mxenergy.com	Capped at \$21.50 until April 2006	One year; company has not yet set its first month's price, summer months are variable with no cap.	\$25	Not applicable
<b>If you want a one-year fixed rate</b>				
<b>1.</b> Shell Energy Services 877-557-4355 www.shellenergy.com/oh	\$15.90 fixed	One year	\$25	A. \$2,204.05 B. \$2,208.61
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<b>2.</b> Interstate Gas Supply 877-444-7427 www.igsenergy.com	\$15.29 fixed	Through Sept. 2006	\$150	A. \$2,130.16 B. \$2,134.72
<b>If you want a multiyear fixed rate</b>				
<b>1.</b> Dominion East Ohio Energy (Dominion subsidiary) 877-796-0957 www.dom.com	\$12.75 fixed	Five years; limited supply offer	\$100	A. \$1,822.50 B. \$1,827.06
<b>2.</b> MXenergy 800-785-4373 www.mxenergy.com	\$14.49 fixed	Three years	\$25	A. \$2,033.26 B. \$2,037.82
<b>3.</b> Direct Energy 888-566-9988 www.directenergy.com	\$15.29 fixed	Three years	none	A. \$2,130.16 B. \$2,134.72
<b>4.</b> Shell Energy Services 877-557-4355 www.shellenergy.com/oh	\$15.90 fixed	Two years	\$25	A. \$2,204.05 B. \$2,208.61
<b>If you want to ride the market with a monthly rate</b>				
Vectren Source 800-516-6740 www.vectrensource.com	\$13.46 variable	October rate	none	Not applicable
Commerce Energy (formerly ACN Energy) 877-226-5371 www.commerceenergy.com	\$13.47 variable	October rate	none	Not applicable
Dominion East Ohio Energy (Dominion subsidiary) 877-796-0957 www.dom.com	\$13.59 variable	October rate	none	Not applicable
The Energy Cooperative of Ohio through SOAR Energy 877-439-3706 www.soarenergy.org	\$14.20 variable	October rate	none	Not applicable
Shell Energy Services 877-557-4355 www.shellenergy.com/oh	\$14.90 variable	October rate One-year contract	\$25 if canceled before one year	Not applicable
WPS Energy Services 888-367-4493 www.wpsenergy.com/ohio	\$15.90 variable	October rate	none	Not applicable

\*A. Customers who have had a supplier other than Dominion East Ohio for more than 12 months. B. Less than 12 months.

Calculations include Dominion monthly service charge, transportation charges, gas costs, Summit County sales tax of 6.25%, and annual average household use of 114/mcf.

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