



# PUCO Apples to Apples Natural Gas Rate Comparison Chart

## Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio

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The PUCO produces the Apples to Apples charts to provide consumers with a snapshot comparison of current natural gas supplier price options and contract terms. The PUCO updates the charts on a regular basis and verifies each supplier offer to ensure accuracy. The chart below lists only the certified suppliers that are actively enrolling new 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 natural gas service.

The PUCO provides the tools you need to calculate your estimated cost. The self-calculation worksheet following the chart below walks you through the steps needed to manually calculate your own estimated cost. You can also visit [www.PUCO.ohio.gov](http://www.PUCO.ohio.gov) and click on the [Apples to Apples](#) link to access our interactive calculator and automatically calculate your estimated costs.

### Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio's Rate

Vectren Energy Delivery's (Vectren) current total rate is **\$1.09647** per hundred cubic feet (Ccf), effective from January 1, 2007 to January 31, 2007. This includes a Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate of **\$0.88321** per Ccf, a gross receipts tax of **\$0.04307** per Ccf, and transportation costs of **\$0.17019** per Ccf. Vectren's GCR rate varies each month and provides a dollar-for-dollar recovery of costs incurred by the local utility to purchase natural gas. The GCR rate allows the local utility to correct any over or under collections of natural gas costs from previous periods if the actual cost is different than the estimate. Contact information for **Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio: One Vectren Sq., Evansville, IN 47708, (800) 227-1376, [www.Vectrenenergy.com](http://www.Vectrenenergy.com).**

### Supplier Rate Offers

The chart below reflects the current offers provided by suppliers that are actively soliciting customers.

**Published price offers and contract terms are subject to change without prior notice and exclude applicable state and county sales tax.** Supplier prices are not subject to any after-the-fact adjustments like those made to the local utility's GCR rate. **Consumers should check with suppliers to verify offers before signing a contract.**

Supplier Name	Current Offer per Ccf	Contract Term	Total Rate per Ccf*
Interstate Gas Supply (877) 444-7427 <a href="http://www.igsenergy.com">www.igsenergy.com</a>	Fixed Rate Plan - \$0.879 <i>[Thereafter, variable rate initially set at \$0.999]</i>	Through July 2007	\$1.01807
MxEnergy (877) 557-4355 <a href="http://www.mxenergy.com">www.mxenergy.com</a>	a) Fixed Rate Plan - \$1.190 b) Fixed Rate Plan - \$0.999	a) One-Year or Three-Year b) Six-Month	a) \$1.32907 b) \$1.13807
Vectren Source (800) 516-6740 <a href="http://www.vectrensource.com">www.vectrensource.com</a>	a) Fixed Rate Plan - \$1.085 b) Monthly Variable Rate Plan - \$1.0778	a) One-Year b) Monthly	a) \$1.22407 b) \$1.21687

\* Includes transportation rate charge



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## Chart Definitions

**Ccf:** One hundred cubic feet; a unit used to measure natural gas usage.

**Contract Term:** The length or duration of the contract (i.e. monthly, yearly, multiple-year).

**County Sales Tax:** When natural gas is purchased from a supplier, the natural gas is subject to Ohio sales or use tax. Because county sales tax rates vary throughout Ohio, the county sales tax is not included in the supplier's total rate. Use the attached map to determine your county's sales tax rate.

**Current Offer:** Comprised of suppliers' current commodity options and base rates, exclusive of sales tax, the local utility transportation charge, and customer service charges. Commodity options may be a fixed, variable, or stable rate plan.

**Expected Gas Cost (EGC):** A component of the GCR, the EGC is the price the local utility expects to pay for natural gas in the upcoming GCR rate period. For example, if the GCR rate is filed on a monthly basis, the local utility will calculate the EGC for the following month. Gas costs recoverable through the EGC include the cost of purchasing the gas itself as well as the cost of transporting the gas from the producing region to the local utility's service territory through the interstate pipeline system.

**Fixed Rate Plan:** A constant rate for the contracted period.

**Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) Rate:** A mechanism that provides a dollar-for-dollar recovery of costs incurred by a local utility to purchase natural gas to its system. The GCR mechanism enables the local utility to correct any over or under collections of natural gas costs in previous periods.

**GCR Transition (GCRT) Rider:** An adjustment used to reimburse or charge customers for any under or over recovery of previous year's gas cost charges. Although all customers are assessed a transportation rate charge, following 12 month's participation as a CHOICE customer, the GCR transition rider is eliminated from the customer's bill. Because the GCR transition rider only impacts the transportation charges of CHOICE customers of less than 12 month's participation, the total rate is calculated with these customers in mind.

**Gross Receipts Tax:** When natural gas is purchased from a local utility, it is not subject to Ohio sales or use tax. The local utility must pay a gross receipts excise tax which is included in the GCR rate charged for the natural gas based on the volume of gas consumed (per Ccf).

**Stable Rate Plan:** A variable rate for a fixed period of time.

**Supplier Name:** PUCO-certified suppliers that are actively enrolling new customers.

**Total Rate:** Comprised of the supplier's natural gas commodity prices, plus the transportation rate charge.

**Transportation Rate Charge:** The transportation rate charge, which can fluctuate quarterly, is comprised of a base rate, transportation program cost, migration rider, Percentage of Income Payment Plan rider, excise tax rider, uncollectible expense rider, GCR transition rider, and gross receipts excise tax.

**Variable Rate Plan:** A fluctuating rate within the contracted period.

## Questions to ask Suppliers

- Are there any deposit requirements?
- Do you charge any early termination fees? If so, how much?
- Do you charge any switching, membership or other fees?
- Are you certified by the PUCO?
- Is your rate fixed, or does it change?
- If it is a variable rate, how does it change?
- Is there a customer incentive for signing up?
- Are there any built-in price increases or decreases?
- Are there any special add-on services?
- How long is the contract for this offer?
- Does your service cover all months of the year?
- What happens when my contract expires?
- Will I receive one or two bills a month?



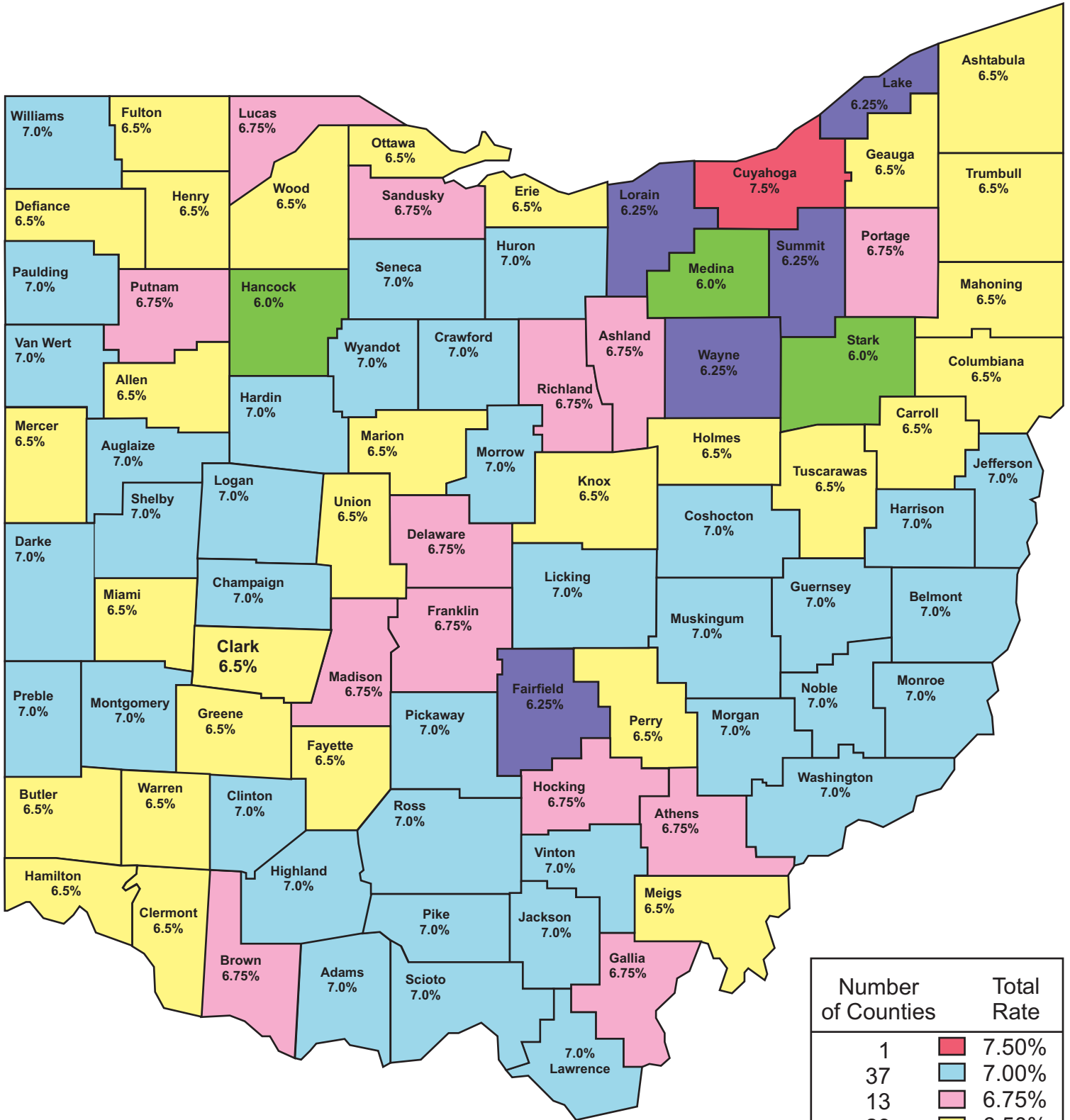
## Self-Calculation Worksheet

This self-calculation worksheet will provide you with an estimate of your monthly natural gas costs, based on your average monthly gas usage, current supplier price, transportation and service charges, and local sales tax. You may also wish to visit [www.PUCO.ohio.gov](http://www.PUCO.ohio.gov) to access our interactive *Apples to Apples* calculator.

	Example	Your Calculation
<b>Step 1: Supplier Offer</b> Insert the supplier's current offer.	<b>Supplier Offer: \$1.00/Ccf</b>	<b>Supplier Offer: \$_____ /Ccf</b>
<b>Step 2: Figure your Average Monthly Usage</b> Divide your annual gas usage in Ccf (provided on your monthly bill) by 12.	(annual gas usage) <b>879</b> ÷ 12 <hr/> <b>Average Monthly Usage: 73.3 Ccf</b>	(annual gas usage)      _____ ÷ 12 <hr/> <b>Average Monthly Usage: _____ Ccf</b>
<b>Step 3: Supplier Charge</b> Multiply the supplier offer by your monthly gas usage.	(supplier offer) <b>\$1.00</b> (average monthly usage)      x 73.3 <hr/> <b>Supplier Charge: \$73.30</b>	(supplier offer)      \$ _____ (average monthly usage)      x _____ <hr/> <b>Supplier Charge: \$ _____</b>
<b>Step 4: Tax on Supplier Charge</b> Multiply the supplier charge by your county sales tax rate (to obtain this rate, use the map on the next page).	(supplier charge) <b>\$73.30</b> (county sales tax rate)      x 0.07 <hr/> <b>Tax on Supplier Charge: \$5.13</b>	(supplier charge)      \$ _____ (county sales tax rate)      x 0. _____ <hr/> <b>Tax on Supplier Charge: \$ _____</b>
<b>Step 5: Delivery Rate</b> Insert your delivery service rate.	<b>Select \$0.13907/Ccf</b> if you have been a CHOICE customer for <b>less than 12 mos.</b> <i>or</i> <b>Select \$0.17019/Ccf</b> if you have been a CHOICE customer for <b>more than 12 mos.</b>	<b>\$ _____ /Ccf</b>
<b>Step 6: Delivery Charge</b> Multiply the delivery rate by your average monthly usage.	(delivery rate) <b>\$0.13907</b> (average monthly usage)      x 73.3 <hr/> <b>Delivery Charge: \$10.19</b>	(delivery rate)      \$ _____ (average monthly usage)      x _____ <hr/> <b>Delivery Charge: \$ _____</b>
<b>Step 7: Supplier Estimated Monthly Cost</b> Add the supplier charge, the tax on supplier charge, the delivery charge, and a monthly customer charge of \$7.00.	(supplier charge) <b>\$73.30</b> (tax on supplier charge) <b>5.13</b> (delivery charge) <b>10.19</b> (monthly customer charge) <b>+ 7.00</b> <hr/> <b>Estimated Monthly Cost: \$95.62</b>	(supplier charge)      \$ _____ (tax on supplier charge)      _____ (delivery charge)      _____ (monthly customer charge) <b>+ 7.00</b> <hr/> <b>Estimated Monthly Cost: \$ _____</b>
<b>Step 8: Vectren Energy Delivery's Estimated Monthly Cost</b> Multiply Vectren Energy Delivery's current total rate by your average monthly usage, then add the monthly customer charge.	(current total rate) <b>\$1.09647</b> (average monthly usage)      x 73.3 <hr/> (subtotal) <b>\$80.37</b> (monthly customer charge) <b>+ 7.00</b> <hr/> <b>Estimated Monthly Cost: \$87.37</b>	(current total rate) <b>\$1.09647</b> (average monthly usage)      x _____ <hr/> (subtotal)      \$ _____ (monthly customer charge) <b>+ 7.00</b> <hr/> <b>Estimated Monthly Cost: \$ _____</b>
<b>Step 9: Compare</b> Compare the supplier's estimated monthly cost to that of Vectren Energy Delivery.	<b>Supplier: \$95.62/month</b> <b>Vectren Energy Delivery: \$87.37/month</b>	<b>Supplier: \$ _____ /month</b> <b>Vectren Energy Delivery: \$ _____ /month</b>



# Total State and Local Sales Tax Rates, By County Effective October 2006



**New Rates:**

Clark County 6.50% (previously 7.00%)



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**STATE AND PERMISSIVE SALES TAX RATES  
 BY COUNTY, OCTOBER 2006**

County	County Tax Rate	Transit Tax Rate	Total State & Local Rate	County	County Tax Rate	Transit Tax Rate	Total State & Local Rate
Adams	1.50%	--	7.00%	Licking	1.50%	--	7.00%
Allen	1.00	--	6.50	Logan	1.50	--	7.00
Ashland	1.25	--	6.75	Lorain	0.75	--	6.25
Ashtabula	1.00	--	6.50	Lucas	1.25	--	6.75
Athens	1.25	--	6.75	Madison	1.25	--	6.75
Auglaize	1.50	--	7.00	Mahoning	1.00	--	6.50
Belmont	1.50	--	7.00	Marion	1.00	--	6.50
Brown	1.25	--	6.75	Medina	0.50	--	6.00
Butler	1.00	--	6.50	Meigs	1.00	--	6.50
Carroll	1.00	--	6.50	Mercer	1.00	--	6.50
Champaign	1.50	--	7.00	Miami	1.00	--	6.50
Clark	1.00	--	6.50	Monroe	1.50	--	7.00
Clermont	1.00	--	6.50	Montgomery	1.00	0.50%	7.00
Clinton	1.50	--	7.00	Morgan	1.50	--	7.00
Columbiana	1.00	--	6.50	Morrow	1.50	--	7.00
Coshocton	1.50	--	7.00	Muskingum	1.50	--	7.00
Crawford	1.50	--	7.00	Noble	1.50	--	7.00
Cuyahoga	1.00	1.00%	7.50	Ottawa	1.00	--	6.50
Darke	1.50	--	7.00	Paulding	1.50	--	7.00
Defiance	1.00	--	6.50	Perry	1.00	--	6.50
Delaware	1.25	--	6.75	Pickaway	1.50	--	7.00
Erie	1.00	--	6.50	Pike	1.50	--	7.00
Fairfield	0.75	--	6.25	Portage	1.00	0.25	6.75
Fayette	1.00	--	6.50	Preble	1.50	--	7.00
Franklin	1.00	0.25	6.75	Putnam	1.25	--	6.75
Fulton	1.00	--	6.50	Richland	1.25	--	6.75
Gallia	1.25	--	6.75	Ross	1.50	--	7.00
Geauga	1.00	--	6.50	Sandusky	1.25	--	6.75
Greene	1.00	--	6.50	Scioto	1.50	--	7.00
Guernsey	1.50	--	7.00	Seneca	1.50	--	7.00
Hamilton	1.00	--	6.50	Shelby	1.50	--	7.00
Hancock	0.50	--	6.00	Stark	0.25	0.25	6.00
Hardin	1.50	--	7.00	Summit	0.50	0.25	6.25
Harrison	1.50	--	7.00	Trumbull	1.00	--	6.50
Henry	1.00	--	6.50	Tuscarawas	1.00	--	6.50
Highland	1.50	--	7.00	Union	1.00	--	6.50
Hocking	1.25	--	6.75	Van Wert	1.50	--	7.00
Holmes	1.00	--	6.50	Vinton	1.50	--	7.00
Huron	1.50	--	7.00	Warren	1.00	--	6.50
Jackson	1.50	--	7.00	Washington	1.50	--	7.00
Jefferson	1.50	--	7.00	Wayne	0.75	--	6.25
Knox	1.00	--	6.50	Williams	1.50	--	7.00
Lake	0.50	0.25	6.25	Wood	1.00	--	6.50
Lawrence	1.50	--	7.00	Wyandot	1.50	--	7.00

**NOTE: State rate is now 5.5%.**

**September 7, 2006**