



# Gas Bill Breakdown

Understanding Your Natural Gas Bill



## Detail Charges

### Rate Schedule RSS

Gas Supply Charges 26 thm at \$0.28470 per thm	\$7.40
Gas Cost Adjustment 26 thm at -\$0.06811 per thm	-\$1.77

**Supply** **+\$5.63**

Customer Charge	\$16.75
Distribution Charges 26 thm at \$0.47806 per thm	\$12.43
Pass-through Charges 26 thm at \$0.17037 per thm	\$4.43

**Delivery** **+\$33.61**

**Total Current Utility Charges** **\$39.24**

- Your bill includes \$0.85 in state taxes.

### Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania Price to Compare per therm \$0.24752

The Price to Compare is the price to use when comparing Columbia's gas cost to gas supply prices offered by other natural gas suppliers in the CHOICE program. This price may change in January, April, July and October each year.

**Customer Charge** - A fixed, monthly charge that helps Columbia Gas provide safe, reliable service. This charge includes the cost of maintaining the meter and preparing bills. You must pay the Customer Charge even if you do not use any gas.

**Gas Supply Charge** - This is the commodity price, the charges for natural gas supply, which is converted to therms\*.

**Gas Cost Adjustment** - The amount billed or credited each month to account for differences between projected and actual gas supply costs.

**Distribution Charge** - The charges for the delivery of natural gas from Columbia Gas to your home.

\*Therm--A unit of heat equal to 100,000 British thermal units (BTU)

## Natural gas shopping

Just like you shop for other services like cell phone, cable service or an electricity supplier, you can shop for your natural gas supplier (NGS) too. You may be able to save money by shopping for the “supplier portion” of your bill.

## Why should I shop?

It’s your choice. You can shop for the best deal to meet your natural gas supply needs. In areas where competitive offers are being made, you may be able to save money off your bill.

## How do I save money?

Some suppliers may offer natural gas that is cheaper than the gas you are currently buying from your local natural gas distribution company (NGDC). Other suppliers may offer longer or shorter contracts for service at a fixed or variable price. You can shop around to find the best supplier for you.

Natural gas is often measured in units called a Mcf, ccf or Therms. While saving a few cents to a dollar per unit doesn’t sound like much, keep in mind that those savings can add up to a large savings per year, depending on usage. Shop around--all you have to lose are dollars off your natural gas bill.

## If I choose a new NGS, can I still do Budget Billing?

Yes. Be sure to tell the competitive supplier that you want budget billing, which allows you to pay a “fixed amount” each month, providing certainty in your bills. Budget billing averages bills out over 12 months, but does not guarantee an annual fixed rate as budget bills are subject to quarterly adjustments based on usage.

## What is the Price-to-Compare?

The **price-to-compare** is the unit price charged by the NGDCs and used by consumers to compare prices and potential savings with other natural gas suppliers. The price to compare may appear on your bill, but if it doesn’t, contact your NGDC.

## I have reliable natural gas service now, why should I choose some other company to supply my natural gas?

Natural gas utilities do not care if you use a competitive supplier and encourage customers to shop around. You may be able to save money with a competitive supplier.

The natural gas utility (your local NGDC) will continue to deliver your natural gas, provide reliable service and respond to outage problems. The quality, reliability, and maintenance of your service will not change as it is still monitored by the Public Utility Commission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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