



# Public Service Commission of West Virginia

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## **PSC Adjusts Purchased Gas Rates**

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia has adjusted the purchased gas rates for residential customers of gas utility companies across the state. After eight consecutive years of decreasing gas rates, many of the gas utilities will see slight increases in their rates for purchased gas for the coming year. Typical residential customers of Mountaineer Gas and Peoples Gas who use an average of 7 Mcf per month will see their monthly bills increase by \$6.97 and \$4.06, respectively. Residential customers of Hope Gas using the same amount of gas will see their monthly bills decrease by \$3.40. The purchased gas rate for Mountaineer Gas is going from \$5.30 to \$6.29 per Mcf. The purchased gas rate for Hope Gas is going from \$5.15 to \$4.66 per Mcf. The purchased gas rate for Peoples Gas is going from \$5.09 to \$5.67 per Mcf.

Most increases are due to under-recoveries from the previous year and an increase in gas costs nationally. The Commission does not have the authority to regulate or establish the market price of natural gas, it is determined in unregulated commodity markets. The rates will go into effect November 1, 2014.

By law, the Commission must allow gas utilities to recover what it costs them to purchase natural gas. The gas rates of customers are adjusted annually to account for the cost of gas in a process called a Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) proceeding before the PSC. The PGA is an estimate of expected prices utilities will have to pay for gas from their suppliers for the period of November 1 through October 31 of the following year, as well as a "true up" of actual costs for the previous year. The PGA does not include any profit for the utility.

More information may be obtained by visiting the Commission website at [www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us)

## Natural Gas Prices in West Virginia 2008-2014

<b>Company</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2014 \$ Change</b>	<b>2014 % Change</b>
A.V. Company	\$3.39	\$2.29	\$1.44	\$1.16	\$0.33	\$0.33	\$1.193	0.863 ▲	261.52 ▲
Blacksville Oil & Gas	\$10.07	\$6.36	\$6.01	\$5.289	\$3.979	\$4.704	\$6.176	1.472 ▲	34.44 ▲
Bluefield Gas	\$13.53	\$6.79	\$6.56	\$6.1257	\$4.9866	\$6.013	\$6.5063	0.493 ▲	8.20 ▲
Canaan Valley Gas	\$8.61	\$6.14	\$5.08	\$4.448	\$3.501	\$4.787	\$4.458	0.329 ▼	6.87 ▼
Consumers Gas Utility	\$12.63	\$6.07	\$5.97	\$5.178	\$4.00	\$5.45	\$5.64	0.19 ▲	3.73 ▲
Hope Gas, dba Dominion Hope	\$15.68	\$5.15	\$4.83	\$6.25	\$5.478	\$5.188	\$4.66	0.528 ▼	9.43 ▼
Lumberport-Shinnston Gas	\$8.31	\$5.99	\$5.39	\$5.739	\$5.627	\$5.232	\$5.862	0.63 ▲	14.65 ▲
Mountaineer Gas	\$14.69	\$8.09	\$6.74	\$6.108	\$4.913	\$5.298	\$6.293	0.995 ▲	18.78 ▲
Peoples Gas WV (formerly Equitable Gas)	\$14.05	\$5.93	\$5.28	\$4.90	\$3.24	\$5.09	\$5.67	0.58 ▲	11.39 ▲
Southern Public Service	\$11.30	\$6.98	\$6.59	\$5.613	\$3.886	\$5.50	\$6.634	1.134 ▲	20.62 ▲
Standard Gas	\$5.92	\$7.60	\$6.94	\$6.68	\$6.28	\$6.26	\$5.915	0.345 ▼	5.51 ▼
Union Oil & Gas	\$12.60	\$6.80	\$5.83	\$5.434	\$4.24	\$4.421	\$6.727	2.306 ▲	52.16 ▲