

The Positive Outlook of Natural Gas: What it Means for Your Business

The 2014 "Fueling the Future with Natural Gas: Bringing it Home" study from the American Gas Foundation (AGF) and IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA) finds that the long-term forecast for natural gas has expanded to provide growth prospects for all sectors of the economy, including commercial, industrial, power and transportation uses. In fact, the positive outlook for the domestic supply of natural gas has kept its long-term price favorable to other fuels, making it an attractive, option for the commercial sector. What does this really mean for the economy and your business? Here are some short excerpts from the AGF/CERA study that help tell the story. *

- Unconventional technologies have dramatically altered the outlook for US natural gas over the past five years. Once considered to be in imminent danger of depletion, the US natural gas resource base is now widely agreed to be sufficient to last 100 years at current rates of consumption. Costs have also fallen, and the natural gas price is expected to grow very slowly over the next 20 years, remaining much lower than prices for many other fuels.
- Domestic and international oil prices are expected to remain three to four times higher than the British thermal units (Btu) equivalent price of natural gas for many years into the future. Also new high-efficiency natural gas technologies and a widening gap between retail prices of electricity and natural gas in many US regions give natural gas the competitive edge for many residential and commercial applications.
- This reality opens many doors for efficient use of natural gas resources and infrastructure in critical areas of the US economy and quality of life, including cleaner electricity generation and direct use in businesses, homes, transportation and manufacturing.
- Unconventional oil and gas activity and energy-related chemical manufacturing, directly or indirectly, are expected to contribute 3.9 million jobs, \$533 billion (constant 2012 \$) in value added to gross domestic product (GDP), and \$138 billion (constant 2012 \$) in government revenues by 2025.
- Growing natural gas use in the United States is not just about using more. The efficient use of natural gas and other forms of energy should continue to be a policy imperative. Cost-effectively increasing overall energy efficiency throughout the economy will require that energy policy, regulation, and consumer fuel choice be grounded in a full fuel-cycle analysis of energy requirements and costs. In many cases, increased use of natural gas to displace less efficient sources of energy may improve the overall energy efficiency of the economy.

The AGF is a 501(c)(3) organization focused on being an independent source of information research and programs on energy and environmental issues that affect public policy, with a particular emphasis on natural gas.

Visit fuelingthefuture.org for the complete 2014 "Fueling the Future with Natural Gas: Bringing it Home" study.

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- Use the BGS (Basic Gas Supply) price listed under the bill calculation section of your NJNG bill to compare with that of a third-party supplier.
- Before entering into an agreement, determine if the supplier is offering a fixed rate that is subject to automatically change at the end of the term, or a variable rate that may be subject to market price fluctuations throughout the term.
- Inquire about fees be informed regarding the specific rate terms and conditions, as well as any cancelation penalties. Note it can take an average of two months to move service to or from a third-party provider.

And, if you are already signed up with a third-party provider, continue to monitor your bill and any communication you receive from them.

While the natural gas purchasing function will be handled by the supplier of your choice, we'll continue to deliver your natural gas and respond to your service and emergency needs. You can find links to third-party suppliers in the Energy Choice section of My Home at njng.com. If you are interested in comparing third-party supplier prices to NJNG's prices, go to the Billing and Prices tab under the My Home section of njng.com for historical NJNG rate and other helpful information.

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