



Dear Residents and Small Business Owners,

Why are natural gas costs high?

Several factors are contributing to higher energy costs, both electric and natural gas. The largest ones include:

1. Growing Demand, Especially from Data Centers & Industrial Sectors

- Ohio is seeing a boom in data center construction. These facilities consume large amounts of electricity, which in many cases is supplied by natural gas-fired plants.

2. Rate Increases / Utility Costs

- Utilities such as Columbia Gas of Ohio and pipelines in Ohio have sought rate increases which can increase the costs for distribution, infrastructure maintenance, etc.

3. Weather

- Much of January and February was colder than normal, which depleted the storage levels of Nat Gas. Extreme weather events also put constraints on the market and help drive prices higher.

4. Export of LNG

- The U.S. has been exporting more liquefied natural gas (LNG). Global demand (especially in Europe and Asia) has increased, putting pressure on domestic supply because gas being shipped abroad isn't available locally.

5. New Generation Plants

- To attract new investment in generation facilities, higher rates tend to encourage investors to invest in its development and to provide higher returns. For example, when natural gas prices were very low several years ago, some natural gas companies were struggling to remain in business.

Today, every effort is being made to find the lowest natural gas aggregation prices for Toronto residents and small business owners. It should be noted that a large Ohio natural gas provider has pulled out of the market seemingly due to a loss of money while participating.

Finally, there is NO obligation to participate in the City of Toronto gas aggregation program. Simply send the Opt-out letter back and you will remain with Columbia Gas of Ohio. There are no fees to leave or reenter the program.

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