



About the Quarterly Rate Adjustment for Natural Gas

The Ontario Energy Board sets commodity rates for natural gas utilities on a quarterly basis to help reduce the impact on customer bills should the market price of gas change sharply.

As a commodity, natural gas prices fluctuate daily and can change significantly over the course of a year, rising and falling based on supply and demand. On average, the rates for natural gas effective Oct. 1, 2016, have decreased across the province compared to the same period one year ago.

Compared to the last rate adjustment on July 1, 2016, commodity prices have risen. As a result, typical residential customers of Ontario's natural gas utilities – Enbridge, Union Gas and NRG – will experience an increase in their monthly bill ranging from 2.8 to 5 per cent for the next quarter, effective from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 2016.

This rate change will largely be seen on the commodity line of the bill and reflects the forecast of natural gas market prices for the upcoming year. These rates are passed by distributors directly to customers with no markup.

More information about [current natural gas rates](#) can be found on our website.