

# IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING UPCOMING RATE CHANGES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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For over 50 years, Vermont Gas has maintained competitive and affordable rates for its 51,000+ customers. As we work to enhance our customer service and make investments in safety and Vermont's clean energy future, we are committed to keeping those rates low for current and future customers.

We want to let you know about two upcoming rate changes, one in May impacting only the Natural Gas Charge and one expected in November, impacting each rate component. Each of these changes is described below.

First, the Natural Gas Charge component of your bill is **decreasing** by 11.5% effective with bills rendered on and after May 6, 2019. Vermont Gas adjusts the Natural Gas Charge portion of your bill quarterly, up or down, in response to changes in the cost of gas. The other components of your bill will not change at that time.

The effect of this change on your bill will vary depending on your natural gas usage but, on average, is equivalent to an overall **decrease** of 4%.

Following a regulatory review, the commercial rate components will be adjusted as follows:

### General Service Low Usage, Low Load Factor – Rate G1

Rate Components	Current Rates February, 2019	Rates Effective May 6, 2019
Natural Gas Charge (per ccf)	\$0.4851	\$0.4293
Daily Access Charge (per day)	\$1.2032	\$1.2032
Distribution Charge (per ccf)	\$0.4820	\$0.4820
EEU Charge (per ccf)	\$0.0454	\$0.0454
Assistance Program Fee (per meter, per bill)	\$0.16	\$0.16

### General Service Low Usage, High Load Factor - Rate G2

Rate Components	Current Rates February, 2019	Rates Effective May 6, 2019
Natural Gas Charge (per ccf)	\$0.3584	\$0.3171
Daily Access Charge (per day)	\$1.2032	\$1.2032
Distribution Charge (per ccf)	\$0.4012	\$0.4012
EEU Charge (per ccf)	\$0.0352	\$0.0352
Assistance Program Fee (per meter, per bill)	\$0.16	\$0.16

**General Service High Usage, Low Load Factor - Rate G3**

Rate Components	Current Rates February, 2019	Rates Effective May 6, 2019
Natural Gas Charge (per ccf)	\$0.4694	\$0.4154
Daily Access Charge (per day)	\$3.8388	\$3.8388
Distribution Charge (per ccf)	\$0.3697	\$0.3697
EEU Charge (per ccf)	\$0.0354	\$0.0354
Assistance Program Fee (per meter, per bill)	\$1.05	\$1.05

**General Service High Usage, High Load Factor - Rate G4**

Rate Components	Current Rates February, 2019	Rates Effective May 6, 2019
Natural Gas Charge (per ccf)	\$0.3578	\$0.3166
Daily Access Charge (per day)	\$3.8388	\$3.8388
Distribution Charge (per ccf)	\$0.3108	\$0.3108
EEU Charge (per ccf)	\$0.0273	\$0.0273
Assistance Program Fee (per meter, per bill)	\$1.47	\$1.47

Next, on February 15, 2019 Vermont Gas filed a request with the Vermont Public Utility Commission to change the Daily Access and Distribution charges as well as the Natural Gas charge. The effective date of this proposed change is dependent on the regulatory review process, but is anticipated to go into effect in November, 2019. The rate request is an overall rate decrease of 2.7% from the rates **currently in effect as of February, 2019**. A full copy of Vermont Gas's rate request can be found at <http://www.vermontgas.com/account/rates/>.

The overall rate decrease is comprised of a 16.6% decrease in the Natural Gas Charge portion of your bill and a 5% increase in the Daily Access and Distribution Charges. To limit the increase in the daily access and distribution charge to 5%, Vermont Gas has also requested that the Public Utility Commission allow it to use approximately \$6.4 million of the System Expansion and Reliability Fund ("SERF"). The Public Utility Commission authorized Vermont Gas to begin collecting the SERF in April 2011 for future use to help bring natural gas service to more Vermonters.

Please note that the 16.6% decrease in the Natural Gas Charge portion of the bill is based on rates **currently** in effect as of February, 2019. The actual percent change will depend on natural gas costs at the time of the rate change. The table below shows current rates and the rate change Vermont Gas has requested for November, 2019.

**General Service Low Usage, Low Load Factor – Rate G1**

Rate Components	Current Rates February, 2019	Rates Effective November, 2019
Natural Gas Charge (per ccf)	\$0.4851	\$0.4048
Daily Access Charge (per day)	\$1.2032	\$1.2638
Distribution Charge (per ccf)	\$0.4820	\$0.5063
EEU Charge (per ccf)	\$0.0454	\$0.0454
Assistance Program Fee (per meter, per bill)	\$0.16	\$0.16

**General Service Low Usage, High Load Factor - Rate G2**

<b>Rate Components</b>	<b>Current Rates February, 2019</b>	<b>Rates Effective November, 2019</b>
Natural Gas Charge (per ccf)	\$0.3584	\$0.2991
Daily Access Charge (per day)	\$1.2032	\$1.2638
Distribution Charge (per ccf)	\$0.4012	\$0.4214
EEU Charge (per ccf)	\$0.0352	\$0.0352
Assistance Program Fee (per meter, per bill)	\$0.16	\$0.16

**General Service High Usage, Low Load Factor - Rate G3**

<b>Rate Components</b>	<b>Current Rates February, 2019</b>	<b>Rates Effective November, 2019</b>
Natural Gas Charge (per ccf)	\$0.4694	\$0.3917
Daily Access Charge (per day)	\$3.8388	\$4.0320
Distribution Charge (per ccf)	\$0.3697	\$0.3883
EEU Charge (per ccf)	\$0.0354	\$0.0354
Assistance Program Fee (per meter, per bill)	\$1.05	\$1.05

**General Service High Usage, High Load Factor - Rate G4**

<b>Rate Components</b>	<b>Current Rates February, 2019</b>	<b>Rates Effective November, 2019</b>
Natural Gas Charge (per ccf)	\$0.3578	\$0.2986
Daily Access Charge (per day)	\$3.8388	\$4.0320
Distribution Charge (per ccf)	\$0.3108	\$0.3264
EEU Charge (per ccf)	\$0.0273	\$0.0273
Assistance Program Fee (per meter, per bill)	\$1.47	\$1.47

Please note that Vermont Gas has submitted this rate request via e-PUC, the Public Utility Commission's electronic case and document management system.

Interested customers can view the filing at <http://www.vermontgas.com/account/rates/> or at <http://epuc.vermont.gov>. See Case No. 19-0513-TF.

**The Public Utility Commission will conduct a public hearing  
at Colchester High School on Tuesday, April 16, 2019.**

The Department of Public Service and Vermont Gas will host an information session beforehand **starting at 6:00PM**.

The public will have an opportunity to provide comments to the Commission **starting at 6:30 PM**.

If you cannot attend the public hearing, you can also file a public comment via ePUC in Case No. 19-0513-TF. For more information visit <http://puc.vermont.gov/epuc-information/make-filing>. Comments can also be made by writing to: Clerk of the Commission, Public Utility Commission, 112 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620-2701.

**Please call us at (802) 863-4511 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about these filings or other Vermont Gas services, including renewable natural gas!**