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### **News Release**

#### **Natural Gas Marketers File October Prices With The PSC**

ATLANTA, October 5, 2005 — The natural gas marketers filed their October prices with the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today. These prices will be published on the October 2005 pricing page on the Commission website, [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us), along with an “apples to apples” comparison of rates and a total bill comparison showing the differences among marketer rate plans. The monthly bill for a typical variable rate customer can vary by as much as \$10.00 depending on the marketer chosen. Simply looking at the price per therm advertised by a marketer may not give an accurate comparison since some marketers bill certain charges separately while others include them in the per therm rate. Monthly customer service charges can vary from \$3.95 to \$15.95. For October, an average customer is defined as having a 1.29 DDDC factor and using 30 therms or 880 therms annually.

Georgia law provides that the “price for natural gas billed to a natural gas customer shall not exceed the marketer’s published price effective at the beginning of the consumer’s billing cycle.” Additional information on consumer complaints concerning natural gas marketers may be found on the Gas Marketer Scoreboard at [http://www.psc.state.ga.us/consumer\\_corner/cc\\_gas/scorecard.asp](http://www.psc.state.ga.us/consumer_corner/cc_gas/scorecard.asp).

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## October 2005 Pricing Chart

Typical Customer = 1.29 DDDC Factor, 880 therms annual consumption, 30 therms October consumption

**NOTE:** Beginning July 2005, senior citizens discounts will be either \$14.00 or the Total amount of the AGLC base charges, whichever is **LESS**

	Total Monthly Bill for Typical Customer	Monthly "Apples-to-Apples" Price per Therm	Total Annual Bill for Typical Customer	Annual "Apples-to-Apples" Price per Therm	Per Therm Rate ("not all charges included")	Tiers (if applicable)	Interstate Capacity Charge-per DDDC Factor	Balancing--per DDDC Factor	Customer Service Charge**	Other Marketer Charges/Notes	Effective Date of Marketer Rates	Exit Fee/Early Termination Fee
<b>Senior Citizen Rate Plans</b>												
<b>Variable</b>												
Regulated Provider Group 1	\$ 52.19	\$ 1.74	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.5241		Included	Included	\$ 3.95		10/5/05	N/A
Regulated Provider Group 2	\$ 67.84	\$ 2.26	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.7791		Included	Included	\$ 11.95		10/5/05	N/A
GasKey	\$ 56.44	\$ 1.88	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.5990		Included	Included	\$ 5.95		10/5/05	N/A
Georgia Natural Gas	\$ 57.04	\$ 1.90	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.6190		Included	Included	\$ 5.95		10/5/05	N/A
Southern Company Gas	\$ 60.64	\$ 2.02	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.7390		Included	Included	\$ 5.95	Customer Service--\$12.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	N/A
Southern Company Gas-promo rate	\$ 57.64	\$ 1.92	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.6390		Included	Included	\$ 5.95	Customer Service--\$12.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	N/A
Vectren Source-Senior Select	\$ 54.65	\$ 1.82	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.6060		Included	Included	\$ 3.95		10/5/05	N/A
<b>Fixed</b>												
Regulated Provider Group 1	\$ 59.24	\$ 1.97	\$ 1,705.99	\$ 1.94	\$ 1.7590		Included	Included	\$ 3.95		10/5/05	N/A
Southern Company Gas-Fixed 12 month	\$ 60.94	\$ 2.03	\$ 1,721.19	\$ 1.96	\$ 1.7490		Included	Included	\$ 5.95	Customer Service--\$12.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	\$ 50.00
<b>Variable Rate Plans</b>												
Regulated Provider Group 1	\$ 70.45	\$ 2.35	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.6241		Included	Included	\$ 4.95		10/5/05	N/A
Regulated Provider Group 2	\$ 82.10	\$ 2.74	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.7791		Included	Included	\$ 11.95		10/5/05	N/A
Commerce Energy	\$ 66.10	\$ 2.20	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.2140	\$ 3.50		\$ 2.66	\$ 4.95		10/1/05	N/A
Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas	\$ 68.33	\$ 2.28	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.5200		Included	Included	\$ 5.95		10/1/05	N/A
GasKey	\$ 76.70	\$ 2.56	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.7990		Included	Included	\$ 5.95		10/5/05	N/A
Georgia Natural Gas	\$ 75.80	\$ 2.53	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.7690		Included	Included	\$ 5.95	\$81.94 (\$9.99 CS charge/\$1.529 per therm) depending on credit check	10/5/05	N/A
Georgia Natural Gas-Market Advantage	\$ 73.84	\$ 2.46	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.6690		Included	Included	\$ 6.99		10/5/05	N/A
Georgia Natural Gas-Market Intro	\$ 69.85	\$ 2.33	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.7690		Included	Included	\$ -	New customers only; CS charge waived for 1st 4 months of service	10/5/05	N/A
Georgia Natural Gas-Volume Discount	\$ 70.64	\$ 2.35	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.5290		Included	Included	\$ 7.99		10/5/05	N/A
Infinite Energy	\$ 76.00	\$ 2.53	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.7757		Included	Included	\$ 5.95		10/1/05	N/A
Scana Energy	\$ 75.90	\$ 2.53	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.7790		Included	Included	\$ 5.75	Customer Service-\$8.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	N/A
Scana Choice	\$ 76.50	\$ 2.55	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.7590		Included	Included	\$ 6.95	Customer Service-\$8.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	N/A
Scana Choice-no CS charge	\$ 69.55	\$ 2.32	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.7590		Included	Included	\$ -	6 months free customer service charge--new customers only	10/5/05	N/A
Shell Energy	\$ 76.43	\$ 2.55	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.7900		Included	Included	\$ 5.95	Customer Service- up to \$8.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	N/A
Southern Company Gas	\$ 75.50	\$ 2.52	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.7590		Included	Included	\$ 5.95	Customer Service--\$12.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	N/A
Southern Company Gas- promo rate	\$ 72.50	\$ 2.42	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.6590		Included	Included	\$ 5.95	Applies to new customers only	10/5/05	N/A
Vectren Source	\$ 73.46	\$ 2.45	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.6910		Included	Included	\$ 5.95		10/5/05	N/A
Walton EMC Natural Gas	\$ 71.40	\$ 2.38	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.6290		Included	Included	\$ 5.75		10/4/05	N/A
<b>Fixed Rate Plans</b>												
<b>12 Month Plans</b>												
Regulated Provider Group 1	\$ 74.50	\$ 2.48	\$ 1,861.18	\$ 2.11	\$ 1.7590		Included	Included	\$ 4.95		10/5/05	\$ -
Regulated Provider Group 2	\$ 87.65	\$ 2.92	\$ 2,125.58	\$ 2.42	\$ 1.9640		Included	Included	\$ 11.95		10/5/05	\$ -
Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas	\$ 72.23	\$ 2.41	\$ 1,777.26	\$ 2.02	\$ 1.6500		Included	Included	\$ 5.95		10/1/05	\$ 50.00
Georgia Natural Gas	\$ 76.94	\$ 2.56	\$ 1,880.06	\$ 2.14	\$ 1.7390		Included	Included	\$ 7.99		10/5/05	\$ 50.00
Georgia Natural Gas-Plan 2	\$ 75.80	\$ 2.53	\$ 1,881.98	\$ 2.14	\$ 1.7690		Included	Included	\$ 5.95		10/5/05	\$ 51.00
Infinite Energy	\$ 73.70	\$ 2.46	\$ 1,820.38	\$ 2.07	\$ 1.6990		Included	Included	\$ 5.95		10/1/05	Tiered up to \$150
Scana Energy	\$ 75.90	\$ 2.53	\$ 1,888.38	\$ 2.15	\$ 1.7790		Included	Included	\$ 5.75	Customer Service-\$8.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	\$ 50.00
Scana Choice	\$ 76.50	\$ 2.55	\$ 1,885.18	\$ 2.14	\$ 1.7590		Included	Included	\$ 6.95	Customer Service-\$8.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	\$ 50.00
Scana Choice-no CS charge	\$ 69.55	\$ 2.32	\$ 1,776.26	\$ 2.02	\$ 1.7590		Included	Included	\$ -	6 months free customer service charge--new customers only	10/5/05	\$ 51.00
Shell Energy (12 or 24 months)	\$ 74.63	\$ 2.49	\$ 1,847.66	\$ 2.10	\$ 1.7300		Included	Included	\$ 5.95	Customer Service- up to \$8.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	\$ 50.00
Southern Company Gas	\$ 75.80	\$ 2.53	\$ 1,881.98	\$ 2.14	\$ 1.7690		Included	Included	\$ 5.95	Customer Service--\$12.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	\$ 50.00
Southern Company Gas-Grand Plan	\$ 82.20	\$ 2.74	\$ 1,896.38	\$ 2.15	\$ 1.6490		Included	Included	\$ 15.95	designed for >1000 annual therms	10/5/05	\$ 50.00
Walton EMC Natural Gas	\$ 71.40	\$ 2.38	\$ 1,756.38	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.6290		Included	Included	\$ 5.75		10/4/05	\$ -
<b>Other Fixed Plans</b>												
Georgia Natural Gas 6 month	\$ 76.84	\$ 2.56	\$ 1,894.46	\$ 2.15	\$ 1.7690		Included	Included	\$ 6.99		10/5/05	\$ 50.00
Scana Energy-fixed for 6 months	\$ 78.90	\$ 2.63	\$ 1,976.38	\$ 2.25	\$ 1.8790		Included	Included	\$ 5.75	Customer Service-\$8.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	\$ 50.00
Scana Choice-Fixed for 6 months	\$ 79.50	\$ 2.65	\$ 1,973.18	\$ 2.24	\$ 1.8590		Included	Included	\$ 6.95	Customer Service-\$8.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	\$ 50.00
Scana Choice-Fixed for 6-no CS charge	\$ 72.55	\$ 2.42	\$ 1,889.78	\$ 2.15	\$ 1.8590		Included	Included	\$ -	6 months free customer service charge--new customers only	10/5/05	\$ 51.00
Shell Energy (6 months)	\$ 75.23	\$ 2.51	\$ 1,847.66	\$ 2.10	\$ 1.7500		Included	Included	\$ 5.95	Customer Service- up to \$8.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	\$ 50.00
Southern Company Gas-18 mth	\$ 74.90	\$ 2.50	\$ 1,855.58	\$ 2.11	\$ 1.7390		Included	Included	\$ 5.95	Customer Service--\$12.95 depending on credit check	10/5/05	\$ 50.00
Southern Co Gas-Grand Plan-18 mth	\$ 81.30	\$ 2.71	\$ 1,869.98	\$ 2.12	\$ 1.6190		Included	Included	\$ 15.95	designed for >1000 annual therms	10/5/05	\$ 50.00

Represents the **lowest** rate for a typical residential customer, excluding Regulated Provider ratesRepresents the **highest** rate for a typical residential customer, excluding Regulated Provider rates

## NOTES:

(a) The prices billed to a consumer on a variable rate plan will not exceed the price the marketer has on file with the Commission in effect at the beginning of the consumer's billing cycle (meter reading cycle). The prices billed to a consumer on a fixed rate plan will not exceed the price on file with the Commission that was in effect at the time the consumer contracted with his or her marketer.

(b) The **Total Annual Bill** and **Total Monthly Bill** include the base charges from Atlanta Gas Light Company. The annual base charge for a typical customer with a 1.29 DDDC Factor is **\$253.86** and is **\$110.67** for qualifying senior citizens.The October 2005 base charge is **\$16.78** for a typical customer with a 1.29 DDDC Factor, and **\$2.52** for qualifying seniors with a 1.29 DDDC Factor.

(c) "Apples-to-Apples" = (total monthly [annual] bill / monthly [annual] consumption)

(d) **Total Monthly Bill** = [(Marketer variable rate x 30 therms) + (listed other charges) + (customer service charge) + (October base charge)](e) **Total Annual Bill** = [(Marketer fixed rate x 880 therms) + (listed other charges x 12) + (customer service charge x 12) + (annual base charges)](f) The **Regulated Provider** Group 1 customers - low income customers who are qualified by the State Dept. of Human Resources. Group 2 customers - high-credit risk customers who cannot obtain service from a marketer.

(g) Prices do not include sales tax, which vary by county.