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## PSC Issues January Natural Gas Prices, Advises Consumers to Check Their Rate Plans

ATLANTA, January 09, 2008 – The Georgia Public Service Commission ("PSC") has issued its January 2008 natural gas price comparison chart to assist consumers in finding the natural gas price plan that best fits their needs. Now is the time for consumers on a variable rate plan to see how their rate compares. Many customers are paying unnecessarily high rates and could save as much as \$50 or more this month alone.

The PSC's chart has been updated to better show how the rate existing customers are paying compares to other options. Depending on the marketer used, the bill of a typical residential natural gas customer using 141 therms this month ranges from \$173.16 (Fireside Natural Gas) and \$180.06 (Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas) to \$224.81 (Georgia Natural Gas' Market Variable Plan) and \$227.80 (SCANA Energy's Standard Variable Plan). That is \$50 or more for one month!

Some marketer variable rate plans started customers out at a competitive price; but, over time, the prices have increased and the plans have become less and less competitive. So, even consumers that shopped around when they initially signed up for their variable plan need to compare the prices they are being charged <u>today</u>.

Different marketers charge very different prices. In addition, the prices that some marketers charge their long-term customers may be much higher than the prices charged to their newer customers. So, even switching plans within the same marketer can save a consumer money. Marketers that charge existing customers higher per therm rates than the current standard variable rate generally will not switch a consumer to this lower cost plan unless expressly asked to do so.

For example, existing customers on Georgia Natural Gas' "Market Variable Plan" would pay \$224.81 using 141 therms, but could pay \$193.79 on Georgia Natural's "Variable Select Plan" available to new customers. That is a \$31 difference for one month! Existing customers on SCANA's "Standard Variable Plan" would pay \$227.80 using 141 therms, but could pay \$204.12 on its "Variable Plan" – a difference of \$23!

For additional information about natural gas marketers and natural gas price plans, visit our website at <a href="https://www.psc.state.ga.us">www.psc.state.ga.us</a>.

January 2008 Pricing Chart									
Typical Customer = 1.29 DDDC Factor, 717 therms							_		
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VARIABLE RATE PLAN									
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	Custom	er	Therm		Filed Rate	Servi	ice Charge	Notes	Date
Standard Plans									
Regulated Provider Group 1	\$ 168	8.31	\$ 1.19	\$	0.9598	\$	3.95		1/5/08
Regulated Provider Group 2	\$ 200	3.37	\$ 1.44	\$	1.1588	\$	10.95		1/5/08
Catalyst Natural Gas (also d/b/a IYC Natural Gas)	\$ 193	3.75	\$ 1.37	\$	1.1190	\$	5.95	\$7.95 - credit check	1/5/08
Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas	\$ 180	0.06	\$ 1.28	\$	1.0290	\$	5.95		1/7/08
Fireside Natural Gas	\$ 173	3.16	\$ 1.23	\$	0.9800	\$	5.95	Currently only accepting credit scores of 620 or above	1/5/08
Gas South	\$ 202	2.04	\$ 1.43	\$	1.1600	\$		\$12.95 - credit check	1/5/08
GasKev	\$ 184	4.41	\$ 1.31	\$	1.0350	\$	5.95	\$12.95 - credit check	1/4/08
Georgia Natural Gas		3.79	\$ 1.37	\$			3.99	\$9.99 - credit score; rate = \$1.499/therm depending on credit	1/5/08
Infinite Energy		3.89						\$12.95 - credit check	1/1/08
MXenergy		0.48						\$12.95 - credit check	1/7/08
Scana Energy		4.12						\$8.95 - credit check	1/5/08
Vectren Source		5.42					5.95	φο.σο στουπ στισοπ	1/4/08
Walton EMC Natural Gas		5.50					5.75		1/4/08
Other Plans									_
Catalyst Natural Gas (also d/b/a IYC Natural Gas)		0.18						TruChoice Prepaid plan	1/5/08
Catalyst Natural Gas-Open Door Rate Plan		4.56						This plan is not being marketed to the general public	1/5/08
Gas South - Introductory Rate		3.97						\$12.95 - Credit check. New Customers only. Rate is good for 1st month.	1/5/08
Georgia Natural Gas-Market Advantage		7.74					4.99	\$10.99 - credit score	1/5/08
Georgia Natural Gas-Market Intro	\$ 14	1.68	\$ 1.00	\$	0.7990	\$	-	New customers only; CS charge waived for 1st two months	1/5/08
Georgia Natural Gas-Volume Discount	\$ 187	7.87	\$ 1.33	\$	1.1190	\$	5.99	\$11.99 - credit score; \$0.999/therm > 75 therms	1/5/08
MXenergy-Variable Select	\$ 194	4.43	\$ 1.38	\$	1.0990	\$	7.95	\$12.95 - credit check	1/7/08
Scana Introductory Rate	\$ 163	3.23	\$ 1.16	\$	0.8990	\$	5.95	\$8.95 - credit check; Rate for first bill only.	1/5/08
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Existing Customer Rate Plans			4.50		4.000		2.00		4 (5 (0.0
Georgia Natural Gas Market Plan		4.81						Not offered to new customers-applicable to current customers only; \$9.99 Credit check	1/5/08
Scana Energy	\$ 22	7.80	\$ 1.62	\$	1.369	\$	5./5	Not offered to new customers-applicable to current customers only	1/5/08
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Standard Plans (12 months)													
Regulated Provider Group 1	\$ 17	8.06	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.039.	16 9	1.45	\$ 1.0290	\$	3.95		1/5/08	\$	50.0
Regulated Provider Group 2		3.26		\$ 1,266.			\$ 1.2290		0.95		1/5/08	\$	50.00
Catalyst Natural Gas (also d/b/a IYC Natural Gas)		2.05					\$ 1.1140		5.95		1/5/08	\$	50.0
Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas		2.75		\$ 1,127.			\$ 1.1190		5.95		1/7/08	\$	50.00
Fireside Natural Gas		1.49					\$ 1.1100			Currently only accepting credit scores of 620 or above	1/5/08	\$	50.00
Gas South		7.94					\$ 1.0600			\$12.95- credit check	1/5/08	\$	100.00
SasKey Silver		2.15					\$ 1.0000			\$12.95- credit check.	1/4/08	\$	50.00
Georgia Natural Gas		6.05					\$ 0.9790			\$11.99- credit score	1/5/08	\$	50.00
nfinite Energy		6.25					\$ 1.1190			\$12.95- credit check	1/1/08	↓	\$50 - \$150
MXenergy		6.25		\$ 1,169.			\$ 1.1190			\$12.95- credit check	1/7/08	\$	150.00
Scana Energy		8.61		\$ 1,117.			\$ 1.0790			\$8.95- credit check	1/5/08	\$	50.00
/ectren Source		3.31					\$ 1.0520		5.95		1/4/08	\$	25.00
Nalton EMC Natural Gas	\$ 19	6.78	\$ 1.40	\$ 1,146.	80 [ \$	1.60	\$ 1.1490	\$	5.75		1/4/08	\$	50.00
Other Plans													
Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas-6 cycles	\$ 18	1.47	\$ 1.29	\$ 1,070.	33 \$	1.49	\$ 1.0390	\$	5.95		1/7/08	\$	50.00
Catalyst Natural Gas (also d/b/a IYC Natural Gas)-NR	\$ 20	1.21	\$ 1.43	\$ 1,127.	69	1.57	\$ 1,1190	\$	5.95	rate lower of \$1.299 or variable; \$0.06/therm add't	1/5/08	\$	75.00
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Fireside Natural Gas-6 months		3.03					\$ 1.0500			Currently only accepting credit scores of 620 or above	1/5/08	\$	50.00
Gas South - Grand Plan-12 months		7.52					\$ 0.9400			For >1000 therms/yr. credit check and approval	1/5/08	\$	100.00
Gas South-6 month		8.07					\$ 0.9900			\$12.95 - credit check	1/5/08	\$	100.00
GasKey Gold - 12 months		4.92		\$ 1,160.			\$ 0.9890			\$19.95 - credit check	1/4/08	\$	50.00
GasKey Platinum - 24 months		0.61		\$ 1,141.			\$ 1.0790			\$12.95- credit check.	1/4/08	\$	100.00
Georgia Natural Gas - 6 month		2.10					\$ 1.0290			\$10.99 - credit score	1/5/08	\$	50.00
nfinite Energy- 6 months		7.11					\$ 1.0790		5.95	\$10.00 - Credit Score	1/1/08	\$	50.00
nfinite Energy - 36 months		8.39					\$ 1.0790		5.95		1/1/08	Ψ-	\$50 - \$450
MXenergy-6 Months		9.77					\$ 1.1390			\$12.95- credit check	1/7/08	\$	150.00
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MXenergy-36 months		3.30					\$ 1.1690			\$12.95- credit check	1/7/08	\$	
MXenergy-Earth Friendly		7.66					\$ 1.1290			\$12.95- credit check	1/7/08	\$	150.00
Scana Energy - fixed for 6 months	\$ 18	8.61	\$ 1.34	\$ 1,117.	01   \$	1.56	\$ 1.0790	\$	5.95	\$8.95- credit check	1/5/08	\$	50.00
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b) The Regulated Provider Group 1 customers - low inc	ome customers	who a	are qualified b	y the State [	Dept.	of Human I	Resources	Group	2 cus	tomers - high-credit risk customers who cannot obtain	service from a ma	ırkete	r.
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VARIABLE RATES	Typical Customer	Therm	Rate	Charge	check	s/scores & Other Notes	Marketer Rates		
Standard Plans									
Regulated Provider Group 1	\$ 138.92		\$ 0.8598				1/5/08		
Regulated Provider Group 2	\$ 189.08		\$ 1.1588		07.05		1/5/08		
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	\$ 184.93				\$12.95 - credit ch	eck	1/5/08		
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Georgia Natural Gas	\$ 165.41	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.0190	\$ 3.99	\$9.99 - credit che		1/5/08		
	\$ 185.22				\$12.95 - credit ch	eck	1/7/08		
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Vectren Variable - Senior Select	\$ 161.67	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.0140	\$ 3.95			1/4/08		
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Other Variable Plans Catalyst Natural Gas (also d/b/a IYC Natural Gas)	\$ 213.08	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.3290	\$ 10.0E	Tru-Choice prepa	id nlan	1/5/08		
Gas South - Introductory rate	\$ 146.86					v cust only. Good for 1st month.	1/5/08		
Sas South - Introductory rate	\$ 140.00	J 1.04	ψ 0.0700	ψ 5.95	\$12.95 - Cledit, Nev	v cust only. Good for 1st month.	173700		
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FIXED RATES	Typical Customer	Therm	Typical Customer	Therm	[see note (b)]	Customer Service Charge	checks/scores & Other Notes	Marketer Rates	Termination Fe
Standard Plans									
Regulated Provider Group 1	\$ 155.73	\$ 1.10	\$ 819.96	\$ 1.14	\$ 0.9790	\$ 2.95		1/5/08	\$ 50.00
	\$ 174.95	\$ 1.24	\$ 938.42	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.0940	\$ 5.95		1/5/08	\$ 50.00
Coweta-Fayette EMC	\$ 175.97					\$ 3.45		1/7/08	\$ 50.00
	\$ 170.83				\$ 1.0400	\$ 5.95	\$12.95 - credit check	1/5/08	\$ 100.00
	\$ 159.55 \$ 180.71					\$ 3.95 \$ 3.99	\$12.95 - credit check	1/4/08 1/7/08	\$ 50.00 \$ 150.00
	\$ 167.18					\$ 5.75	\$12.95 - credit check	1/5/08	\$ 150.00 \$ 50.00
	\$ 163.92							1/4/08	\$ 25.0
Other Fixed Plans									
	\$ 164.69 \$ 184.11		\$ 868.98					1/7/08	\$ 50.00
Catalyst Natural Gas (also d/b/a IYC Natural Gas)-NR Catalyst Natural Gas (also d/b/a IYC Natural Gas)-6 mtf						\$ 5.95 \$ 5.95	rate lower of \$1.279 or variable; \$0.06/therm add't	1/5/08 1/5/08	\$ 75.0 \$ 50.0
Catalyst Natural Gas (also 6/b/a IYC Natural Gas)-6 mtr	\$ 160.96						\$12.95 - credit check	1/5/08	\$ 100.0
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o a consumer on a fixed rate plan will not exceed the pr						- 2 2g cycle (motor roading cycle).			
b) Interstate Capacity Charges and Balancing Charges	are included on all rate	s unless otherwise note	d.						
c) The Total Annual Bill and Total Monthly Bill include t	he base charges from A	tlanta Gas Light Compa	ny. The annual base	charge for a typical qua	lifying senior citizen	with a 1.29 DDDC Factor is \$83.23.			
The January 2008 base charge is \$29.03 for a typical cu	ustomer with a 1.29 DDI	JC Factor, and is \$14.7	a tor qualifying seniors	with a 1.29 DDDC Fac	tor.				
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