

Important CenterPoint Energy Numbers

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General Information

24 Hour Emergency Service: Call 800-227-1376 if you smell a gas odor or if all of your natural gas appliances are out.

Customer Service Questions or Concerns: To contact CenterPoint Energy about your bill or service, visit CenterPointEnergy.com or call 800-227-1376 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Authorized pay sites are available in your neighborhood for your convenience. To locate an authorized pay site nearest you, visit CenterPointEnergy.com or call 800-227-1376. You can pay your bill through a checking or savings account for free at CenterPointEnergy.com or by calling 800-227-1376. If you would like to write to CenterPoint Energy, please send correspondence to P.O. Box 209, Evansville, IN 47702-0209 or visit our web site at CenterPointEnergy.com. If you have selected a third-party gas supplier through the natural gas Choice program and have questions regarding your gas supply charges, please refer to the gas supplier and toll free number listed in the "Bill Message" section of your bill. The nonpayment of charges for non-tariffed services that are unrelated to the charges you incurred for the delivery and consumption of gas at your home or business shall not result in the disconnection of your gas service.

Customers with billing or service issues or concerns regarding a disconnect notice should contact CenterPoint Energy prior to contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). If your complaint is not resolved after you have called CenterPoint Energy or for general utility information, residential and business customers may contact the PUCO for assistance at 800-686-7826 (toll free) from eight a.m. to five p.m. weekdays, via mail to 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215 or at www.puco.ohio.gov. Hearing or speech impaired customers may contact the PUCO via 7-1-1 (Ohio relay service). The Ohio consumers council (OCC) represents residential utility customers in matters before the PUCO. The OCC can be contacted at 877-742-5622 (toll free) from eight a.m. to five p.m. weekdays, or at www.pickocc.org.

Terms & Definitions

Distribution and Service Charges - Charges billed each month for the delivery of natural gas and other charges approved by the PUCO to ensure safe, reliable service.

Customer/Monthly Charge - Charge billed each month to recover a portion of the ongoing costs of providing service to the customer. This charge does not vary with gas consumption.

CCF (100 Cubic Feet) - Gas consumption is measured by your meter in hundreds of cubic feet.

Energy Conversion Factor (ECF) - The ECF adjusts meter usage for the energy content of the gas used. Energy content can vary monthly. The ECF is the ratio of the current energy content to the energy content at the time CenterPoint Energy's base rates were established.

Standard Choice Offer - Under CenterPoint Energy's Standard Choice Offer (SCO) service, CenterPoint Energy customers are receiving natural gas provided by third-party suppliers. The SCO suppliers won the right in a competitive auction to provide gas supply to customers at a monthly SCO price, which is calculated by adding a fixed retail price adjustment determined in a periodic auction to the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) month-end settlement price for natural gas. Because the SCO price reflects the NYMEX-based market price, it can vary with changes in supply and demand. The SCO price is charged to customers who have not selected an alternate gas supplier through the natural gas Choice program. The name of the gas supplier providing SCO service appears on the bill.

Miscellaneous Charges - Examples of miscellaneous charges may include but are not limited to reconnect fees; labor charges and returned payment charges.

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Gas Cost Charge (DSS) - Under CenterPoint Energy's Default Sales Service (DSS), CenterPoint Energy Ohio purchases natural gas through third-party suppliers at a fixed retail price adjustment determined in a competitive auction plus the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) month-end settlement price for natural gas; CenterPoint Energy Ohio's costs are then passed on to DSS customers. Because the DSS charge reflects the NYMEX-based market price, it can vary monthly with changes in supply and demand. The DSS price is charged to customers who are not eligible to select an alternate gas supplier through the natural gas Choice program.

Gas Supplier Charges (also referred to as gas marketer)

Charges billed each month for the consumption of natural gas supplied by a retail gas supplier who is certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to sell natural gas in a competitive retail market.

Pressure Factor - Factor used to calculate consumption on meters with higher than the standard delivery pressure. A pressure factor greater than 1 indicates a delivery pressure that is greater than CenterPoint Energy's standard delivery pressure.

PIPP Plus - The Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP Plus) is available if your total income is at or below 150% of the Federal poverty level. This program does not reduce or waive energy costs; it only establishes a payment plan to allow you to maintain your utility service.

Residential Rate Codes
RES 310 - DSS Residential Default Sales Service
RES 311 - SCO Residential Standard Choice Offer Service
RES 315 - Choice Residential Transportation Service
Commercial Rate Codes
COM 320 - DSS General Default Sales Service
COM 321 - General Standard Choice Offer Service
COM 325 - Choice General Transportation Service

Meter Abbreviations

A - Actual meter reading
E - Estimated meter reading