

The difference between Municipal Systems & Natural Gas Marketers

Is natural gas marketing leaving you confused and unsure if you are paying too much?

You may have heard on the radio, seen on television or printed ads from natural gas marketers giving a specific per-therm rate that is lower than Austell Gas' monthly rates. However, the marketers' per-therm rates only show you the commodity (gas) costs and do not include all of the monthly charges.

Let us help you understand what is missing from the natural gas marketers' therm rates.

The numbers provided were taken from the GA Public Service Commission webiste for the month of February 2025. The "cost of gas" for the calculation is based on 116 therms used.

The fixed rate "apples-to-apples" for the month of Feburary 2025 for the 10 marketers ranged from \$1.24 to \$1.37 per-therm.



When comparing and using the same calculations, the average Austell Gas customer paid \$1.19 per-therm.



Below are fees <u>NOT</u> included in the marketers' per-therm rates:

Per Month Per Year **Customer Service Fee Charge** \$5.00 - \$20.00 \$60.00-\$240.00 \$40.00-\$80.00 \$480.00-\$960.00 AGL Charge Totals

\$45.00-\$100.00 \$540.00-\$1,200.00

For an "apples-to-apples" comparison for the various natural gas marketers, please visit: www.psc.state.ga.us or www.austellgas.com/current-gas-rates/ for more information.

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