

Electric Generation Gas Rates

The Electric Generation Rate

Most natural gas fueled electric generators must be separately metered under the electric generation rate GT-F5*. The GT-F5 rate costs approximately 4 to 7 cents per therm depending on volume, surcharges, and local taxes. This cost covers transportation only and does not include the cost of the gas itself, which must be purchased from a natural gas marketer. Information on natural gas marketers can be found at:

<http://www.socalgas.com/documents/business/customerchoice/NoncoreGasSuppliers.pdf>

The GT-F5 rate requires the installation of electronic metering which can cost from \$2000 to \$15,000. The rate is an interruptible gas rate and requires a contract with The Gas Company.

Option for Smaller and Low Usage Generators

Natural gas generators have the option to be served under the standard commercial/industrial GN-10 gas rate if they meet either of the following conditions:

1. Total combined generation capacity is 1000 kW or less (regardless of usage)

OR

2. Total combined generator natural gas consumption is less than 250,000 therms per year.

The GN-10 gas rate is a 3-tier gas rate that includes both transportation and the cost of natural gas itself. Separate metering is usually not required, and generator gas usage can be combined with other gas equipment on a single gas meter. The GN-10 gas rate is a firm gas rate and does not require a contract. In most cases, the cost of the GN-10 gas rate is usually more expensive than the GT-F5 gas rate. However, in some circumstances, the GN-10 gas rate can be less expensive, especially when GN-10 tier III gas is already being consumed on an existing GN-10 account.

Natural Gas Rates

For up-to-date natural gas tariffs, please visit:

<http://www.socalgas.com/for-your-business/prices/>

For information on natural gas market prices, please visit:

<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/ngw/ngupdate.asp>

*Customers receiving transmission level service may be served under the GT-TLS tariff instead of GT-F5.

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