

Customer Rate Information

Therm Factor



Natural gas is composed mainly of methane, but it also includes ethane, propane, butane, and nitrogen. Each of these gases has a different heating value, and their proportions in natural gas vary. Hence, the same volumes of natural gas taken from two separate sources may have different heating values.

SDG&E bills customers on a per-therm basis: that is, for the amount of energy contained within the gas. Natural gas is metered by volume (units of 100 cubic feet), and this volume is then adjusted by applying a factor that reflects the heating value of the gas contained in that volume. A therm equals 100,000 Btu.

As of July 1, 2009, SDG&E's Service Territory has been divided into six Thermal Zones. A map showing the six Thermal Zones is available at:

http://www.sdge.com/tm2/pdf/GAS_Maps_Map_2_Thermal.pdf

The heat content is measured by gas heating value measurement stations in each zone. The stations monitor the gas continuously and the heat value is averaged in each area for each billing month. Listed below is a one-year history of the Therm Factors for each zone. Prior to July 1, 2009, gas supplied to Zones 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 was measured in Zone2.

Billing Month	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6
Nov-08	1.027	1.031				
Dec-08	1.024	1.023				
Jan-09	1.024	1.022				
Feb-09	1.03	1.026				
Mar-09	1.024	1.024				
Apr-09	1.023	1.023				
May-09	1.02	1.022				
Jun-09	1.023	1.022				
Jul-09	1.024	1.019				
Aug-09	1.024	1.019	1.019	1.019	1.019	1.019
Sep-09	1.024	1.019	1.019	1.019	1.019	1.019
Oct-09	1.021	1.019	1.019	1.019	1.019	1.019
Nov-09	1.020	1.018	1.019	1.019	1.019	1.015

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