# Natural Gas Transportation Benefits for





# Natural gas delivery process

- Supplier injects gas into upstream pipeline
- Upstream pipeline delivers gas to a city gate of CenterPoint Energy
- CenterPoint Energy moves gas from one of its city gates to the customer's end-use delivery point

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CenterPoint Energy's Transportation Services

# What is Natural Gas Transportation Services?

CenterPoint Energy's Transportation Services offers qualifying end-use commercial and industrial customers a choice for their natural gas supply. By providing access to competitive natural gas suppliers, CenterPoint Energy enables customers to maximize the value of their natural gas consumption.

When enrolled in Transportation Services, end-use customers may select from a list of active, competitive natural gas suppliers who use CenterPoint Energy's natural gas distribution system to ship natural gas to the end-use customer's facility.

# **Benefits of Transportation Services**

The option to choose a natural gas supplier provides your operation with cost-effective flexibility to tailor supply requirements to meet business needs. Qualified customers enjoy a variety of benefits including:

- Potential monetary savings generated through a competitively priced commodity supply
- Direct control of commodity pricing decisions
- Increased flexibility to address volatile market conditions
- Potential state and local tax savings
- Personalized LDC (Local Distribution Company) service through a dedicated key account manager

# How it works

## Who qualifies for Natural Gas Transportation Services?

Transportation Services is a choice and participation is not a requirement for natural gas service. If an end-use customer declines to participate in Transportation Services, they will continue to receive the same safe, reliable natural gas sales services provided by CenterPoint Energy to all customers through the Sales Supply Option, which bundles all natural gas supply costs into one invoice, including distribution charges, upstream pipeline charges, and natural gas commodity charges.

In Indiana, any individual commercial and industrial (end-use) meter with annual usage greater than or equal to 2,500 dekatherms per year can participate.













Supplier injects gas into upstream pipeline Injection point

Upstream pipeline moves gas from injection point to CenterPoint Energy city gate *CenterPoint Energy moves gas from city gate to customer*  Customer

# What's the difference between Sales Supply and Transportation Supply?

### **Sales Supply Option**

CenterPoint Energy will bundle all of the above natural gas supply costs onto one invoice. This invoice would include CenterPoint Energy distribution charges, upstream pipeline charges and gas commodity charges. *Note: Distribution charges are the only portion that provides CenterPoint Energy with revenue margin. Upstream pipeline charges and natural gas commodity costs are passed through to the customer with no markup in price.* 

### **Transportation Supply Option**

CenterPoint Energy will unbundle service so that qualified customers may contract separately for their natural gas supply. This option allows the qualified end-use customer to choose the party from which they purchase natural gas and CenterPoint Energy acts as the transporter to deliver that natural gas from the city gate to the qualified customer.

### Will my utility rate change?

Yes, you will be moved to a transportation service rate and there may be an upstream pipeline capacity charge in the form of a volumetric charge. The distribution rates are as follows, including upstream pipeline charges:

INDIANA NORTH	INDIANA SOUTH
R225 School/Government Transportation Service	<u>R125 School/Government Transportation Service</u> Less than 5,000 DTH per year
R245 Large General Transportation Service	<u>R145 Large General Transportation Service</u>
Greater than 2,500 DTH per year	<u>Greater than 2,500 DTH per year</u>
R260 Large Volume Transportation Service	<u>R160 Large Volume Transportation Service</u>
Greater than 50,000 DTH per year	<u>Greater than 50,000 DTH per year</u>

## Accessing your daily usage

CenterPoint Energy will also install a telemetry unit to measure daily natural gas volumes. The customer will have access, via internet, to their daily gas usage volumes, which may be helpful in controlling energy costs.

