

**Table 31. Leading Suppliers of Natural Gas Sold and Transported in the United States, 1997**  
(Thousand Cubic Feet)

Company	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Vehicle Fuel	Electric Utilities	Total
Southern California Gas Co.....	239,806,156	103,413,827	284,215,130	1,109,160	157,653,320	786,197,593
Pacific Gas and Elec Co.....	193,084,756	132,564,645	157,954,353	608,896	145,959,132	630,171,782
Lone Star Gas Co.....	100,079,759	39,125,204	331,114,725	0	124,116,343	594,436,031
Midcon Texas P L Operator Inc.....	0	0	474,624,481	0	109,413,069	584,037,550
Northern Illinois Gas Co.....	249,453,348	95,871,972	143,206,591	1,537	39,419,013	527,952,461
Columbia Gas Dist Co.....	183,896,512	102,145,657	175,997,075	30,684	580,790	462,650,718
Pub Svc Elec and Gas Co.....	138,404,765	130,108,996	135,651,934	0	13,184,142	417,349,837
Michigan Consol Gas Co.....	153,863,902	97,261,775	94,979,658	0	2,920,743	349,026,078
Consumers Pwr Co.....	181,290,957	72,367,648	85,106,792	8,383	1,177,760	339,951,540
Koch Gateway P L Co.....	0	1,516,410	201,279,323	0	110,814,156	313,609,889
Tejas Gas P L.....	0	0	194,859,378	0	117,417,948	312,277,326
East Ohio Gas Co.....	147,197,186	64,708,614	95,272,017	252,676	861,901	308,292,394
Florida Gas Trans Co.....	0	0	18,382,803	0	284,385,367	302,768,170
Bridgeline Gas Dist Co.....	0	0	228,216,673	0	53,251,331	281,468,004
Northern Indiana Pub Svc Co.....	71,550,673	32,296,721	168,649,746	37,269	2,936,483	275,470,892
Oklahoma Nat Gas Co.....	57,143,682	33,008,014	181,951,341	109,636	1,062,744	273,275,417
Peoples Nat Gas Co.....	89,018,356	48,434,045	124,120,469	0	391,076	261,963,946
Atlanta Gas Lt Co.....	96,381,162	47,552,280	108,031,263	0	6,800,276	258,764,981
Con Edison Co. of New York Inc.....	52,350,246	96,072,132	2,249,457	12,779	107,303,041	257,987,655
Channel Industries Gas Co.....	0	12,297	188,864,428	0	56,330,230	245,206,955
Peoples Gas Lt and Coke Co.....	137,692,274	54,518,054	33,728,249	17,508	1,109,653	227,065,738
Niagara Mohawk Pwr Corp.....	54,004,731	58,936,273	112,929,535	27,364	865,844	226,763,747
Houston P L Co.....	0	48,682,847	133,914,229	0	36,642,450	219,239,526
Tejas Ship Channel Llc.....	0	0	218,191,359	0	0	218,191,359
Entex Div of Noram Energy Corp.....	74,667,963	57,108,392	50,877,663	0	0	182,654,018
Pub Svc Co. of Colorado.....	86,715,461	46,479,502	44,803,093	0	3,188,762	181,186,818
Texas Util Fuel Co.....	0	0	0	0	173,757,936	173,757,936
Pg&e Texas P L Lp.....	442	4,058,425	51,154,912	0	117,841,013	173,054,792
Natl Fuel Gas Distr.....	85,334,657	37,227,488	49,816,764	0	0	172,378,909
Long Island Ltg Co.....	38,661,344	59,816,413	0	390,544	72,111,669	170,979,970
Kern River Gas Trans Co.....	0	124,626	147,125,876	0	16,166,128	163,416,630
Southwest Gas Corp.....	49,622,465	41,086,833	25,969,129	218,145	44,845,974	161,742,546
Boston Gas Co.....	40,597,736	62,405,740	16,239,308	4,163	37,342,343	156,589,290
Louisiana Intrastate Gas.....	0	0	143,546,224	0	11,254,650	154,800,874
Noram Gas Trans Co.....	0	0	125,795,121	0	26,782,867	152,577,988
MidAmerican Energy Co.....	57,039,529	37,485,958	51,384,485	6,205	6,503,239	152,419,416
Washington Gas Lt Co.....	80,671,767	62,806,936	0	42,110	6,723,549	150,244,362
Minnegasco.....	67,628,166	55,519,177	19,875,298	20,669	709,067	143,752,377
Mountain Fuel Sply Co.....	59,717,149	32,278,877	44,359,576	138,826	3,469,348	139,963,776
Brooklyn Union Gas Co.....	92,198,201	30,911,838	9,393,738	146,802	0	132,650,579
Wisconsin Gas Co.....	48,540,592	22,792,568	57,867,313	19,875	17,955	129,238,303
Indiana Gas Co. Inc.....	47,505,000	19,123,000	52,102,730	14,504	4,100,766	122,846,000
Baltimore Gas and Elec Co.....	38,450,439	18,512,967	62,236,212	33,043	2,722,313	121,954,974
San Diego Gas and Elec Co.....	31,246,464	12,289,767	26,711,008	362,968	48,852,893	119,463,100
Northwest Nat Gas Co.....	29,378,830	21,873,960	55,219,955	34,654	5,236,239	111,743,638
Arkla A Noram Energy Co.....	47,336,099	30,218,434	33,707,813	0	0	111,262,346
Dow P L Co.....	2,983	2,666,952	108,406,735	0	0	111,076,670
Alabama Gas Corp.....	29,308,019	20,985,483	51,277,620	0	7,028,200	108,599,322
Cincinnati Gas and Elec Co.....	34,370,889	24,845,067	46,806,586	0	1,825,837	107,848,379
Laclede Gas Co.....	59,148,406	27,000,380	20,065,323	40,191	0	106,254,300

**Notes:** The natural gas companies with the 50 largest amounts of total deliveries were selected from the respondents to the Form EIA-176, "Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition." For each company, the total deliveries include deliveries to residential, commercial, industrial, and electric utility consumers, deliveries of natural gas for vehicle fuel; and all volumes transported to consumers for the account of others. The totals are summed from each company's reports in all States of op-

erations. Number of vehicle fuel consumers generally refers to the number of fueling stations. Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding. Beginning in 1996, consumption of natural gas for agricultural use was classified as industrial use. In 1995 and earlier years, agricultural use was classified as commercial use.

**Source:** Energy Information Administration (EIA), Form EIA-176, "Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition."