

Table 4. Selected National Average Natural Gas Prices, 1992-1998
(Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Wellhead Price ^a	City Gate Price	Delivered to Consumers					Electric Utilities Price
			Residential Price	Commercial		Industrial		
				Price	% of Total ^b	Price	% of Total ^b	
1992 Annual Average	1.74	3.01	5.89	4.88	83.2	2.84	30.3	2.36
1993 Annual Average	2.04	3.21	6.16	5.22	83.9	3.07	29.7	2.61
1994 Annual Average	1.85	3.07	6.41	5.44	79.3	3.05	25.5	2.28
1995 Annual Average	1.55	2.78	6.06	5.05	76.7	2.71	24.5	2.02
1996								
January	2.05	3.14	5.64	5.29	83.2	3.61	22.0	2.87
February	1.89	3.16	5.82	5.25	83.3	3.61	22.7	3.07
March	1.95	3.17	5.93	5.36	81.8	3.52	22.3	2.73
April	2.08	3.22	6.27	5.34	79.5	3.42	20.5	2.68
May	2.01	3.18	6.84	5.40	74.6	3.14	18.7	2.52
June	2.08	3.41	7.83	5.43	70.0	3.13	16.7	2.59
July	2.25	3.49	8.64	5.46	67.8	3.17	18.6	2.69
August	2.10	3.46	8.73	5.56	66.3	3.05	17.4	2.57
September	1.85	3.05	7.99	5.46	67.1	2.77	16.9	2.24
October	1.94	2.94	7.05	5.33	69.1	2.89	17.2	2.37
November	2.50	3.46	6.37	5.40	75.7	3.57	18.5	3.04
December	3.26	4.18	6.47	5.78	78.1	4.20	20.0	3.98
Annual Average	2.17	3.34	6.34	5.40	77.6	3.42	19.4	2.69
1997								
January	^E 3.42	4.27	6.74	6.15	^R 78.0	4.62	19.4	4.08
February	^E 2.44	3.78	6.80	^R 6.09	76.9	4.20	17.7	3.18
March	^E 1.61	3.06	6.53	5.72	^R 73.1	3.36	17.4	2.39
April	^E 1.64	2.94	6.57	^R 5.45	70.9	2.99	^R 16.8	2.34
May	^E 1.87	3.16	6.83	5.36	63.8	2.92	16.6	2.51
June	^E 2.01	3.44	8.21	5.56	60.3	3.07	16.0	2.59
July	^E 1.91	3.61	8.55	5.28	58.7	^R 2.87	^R 14.7	2.49
August	^E 1.95	3.45	8.81	5.32	56.6	2.92	13.8	2.58
September	^E 2.22	3.60	8.65	5.54	58.1	3.21	13.8	2.99
October	^E 2.70	3.93	^R 7.59	^R 5.68	^R 61.9	3.66	15.2	3.30
November	^E 2.77	3.86	6.85	5.84	67.5	4.07	16.1	3.48
December	^E 2.17	3.48	^R 6.55	5.69	72.1	3.78	15.1	2.85
Annual Average	^E 2.23	3.61	^R 6.93	^R 5.76	^R 69.5	^R 3.53	^R 16.1	2.81
1998								
January	^E 1.79	3.28	6.42	^R 5.55	72.4	3.66	^R 15.4	2.64
February	^E 1.64	3.09	^R 6.39	^R 5.54	^R 68.8	^R 3.61	^R 15.9	2.51
March	^E 1.86	3.22	6.24	5.36	71.6	3.41	17.0	NA
1998 YTD^c	^E 1.76	3.20	6.36	5.49	71.0	3.56	16.1	2.58
1997 YTD	^E 2.49	3.79	6.70	6.01	76.2	4.09	18.2	3.62
1996 YTD	1.96	3.16	5.78	5.29	82.8	3.58	22.3	2.96

^a See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 8, of the *Natural Gas Monthly (NGM)* for discussion of wellhead prices.

^b Percentage of total deliveries represented by onsystem sales, see Figure 6. See Table 24 for breakdown by State.

^c Year-to-date price represents months for which price information is available in the current year.

^R = Revised Data.

^E = Estimated Data.

NA = Not Available.

Notes: Data for 1991 through 1996 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise indicated. Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia. In 1996, consumption of natural gas for agricultural use is classified as industrial use. In 1995 and earlier years, agricultural use was classified as commercial use. See Explanatory Note 5 for further explanation.

Sources: 1990-1996: Energy Information Administration (EIA) *Natural Gas Annual 1996*. 1997 forward: EIA-857, "Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers," Form FERC-423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants," and EIA estimates. January 1997 through current month: See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 8 for estimation procedures and revision policy.