

Highlights

This issue of the *Natural Gas Monthly* (NGM) contains estimates of natural gas data through February 2003 for many data series at the national level. National-level natural gas prices are available through January 2003 (electric utilities), or February (residential, commercial, industrial, and wellhead). State-level data generally are available through February 2003, although underground storage data are available through March 2003.

Recent analyses of the natural gas industry are available on the EIA web site, www.eia.doe.gov, under "Featured Topics" to the right side of the home page. The first two reports listed below are updated regularly. These reports are:

- *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report* — a weekly report containing estimates of natural gas in underground storage for the United States and three regions of the United States released each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the EIA Web site, except for certain weeks with Federal holidays. The report, first released on May 9, 2002, contains estimates of storage for the current and prior week and comparisons to previous periods. Links are provided to papers describing survey Form EIA-912, "Weekly Underground Natural Gas Survey," and the estimation methodology.
- *Natural Gas Weekly Update* - a current analysis of the industry each week, including information on natural gas spot and futures prices and storage activities. This page also provides links to numerous other EIA sites dealing with natural gas.

- *Short-Term Energy Outlook* - projections of energy consumption, supply, and price by type of fuel, including natural gas, for the next 18 months.

Other natural gas data and analyses may be found through the "Natural Gas" section of EIA's web site. In the center section of the home page, the user should place the cursor on "By Fuel," then click on "Natural Gas" in the drop-down menu.

New source data for residential and commercial sector prices in five States:

EIA is enhancing its estimates of natural gas prices paid by end-users in the residential and commercial sectors in the States of Georgia, Maryland, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania with data obtained from a survey of prices paid to natural gas marketers in those States. In fall 2001, EIA began collection of information on natural gas sales from marketers in five States that have active customer choice programs on EIA-910, "Monthly Natural Gas Marketer Survey." Information on the volume and revenue for natural gas commodity sales, and any receipts for distribution charges and taxes associated with the sale of natural gas were requested. At this time data from the five States are being used beginning with revised data for January 2002. The methodology for weighting and combining data from local distribution companies and marketers in the States is described in Appendix C.