

# YOU HAVE A CHOICE!

## Did you know you can choose who you buy your natural gas from?



Michigan's Gas Customer Choice Program (GCC) allows natural gas customers of Consumers Energy, DTE Gas, Michigan Gas Utilities, and SEMCO to shop around for gas from Alternative Gas Suppliers.

You may choose an Alternative Gas Supplier (AGS) or do nothing and continue to get your natural gas from your local gas utility under existing regulated rates.

## What is an Alternative Gas Supplier (AGS)?

An AGS or Supplier is a separate entity from your local gas utility company.

They are required to be licensed by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

They sell natural gas at unregulated rates to customers. The gas is delivered by the local natural gas utility.



### Do I have to switch?

No. You can select an AGS or do nothing and services from your local gas utility will continue.

Your local gas utility delivers natural gas regardless of the supplier.

**The MPSC DOES NOT regulate the rates of AGS's.**

### Can I switch at any time?

No. In order to switch you must be up to date on current utility bill.

If you switched suppliers within the last 12 months, \$10.00 will be charged for each change within the same 12-month period.

**If you return to the utility you may not switch to an AGS for 12 months.**

## What is a Fixed Vs. Variable Price Plan?

When natural gas is purchased from a local gas utility, the rate charged changes periodically and is regulated and approved by the MPSC. AGSs may offer a fixed and/or a variable price. Some offers may include a lower introductory price or other incentives that may appeal to customers.



**Fixed Price Plan:** Charges the same amount per each unit consumed for the length of the contract, regardless of any changes in the natural gas market.

**Variable Price Plan:** Charges a monthly rate per each unit consumed (as defined in the sales contract) which typically changes each calendar month.

## What should I do before signing my contract?

Make sure you understand the following: product type, price and terms and conditions before agreeing to a contract from an AGS.

- Length of your contract.
- Your right to cancel and any fees for early termination.
- If they offer Fixed or Variable price plans.



For more information visit our Natural Gas Customer Choice website.