



energy purchasing cooperative program

In 2004 the State of Michigan began working collectively with interested public entities to leverage cooperative purchasing power. Today, the resulting State of Michigan Energy Purchasing Cooperative is still driven by its members.

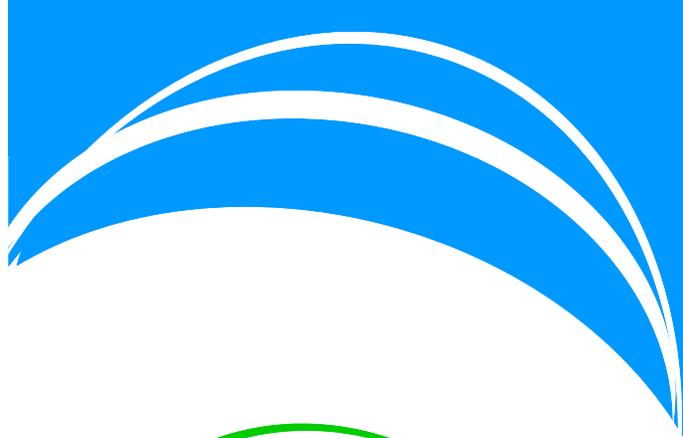
By taking advantage of the Energy Purchasing Cooperative's competitively bid contracts, you can spend more time and resources overseeing high-level data instead of researching and analyzing daily market conditions.

The State's energy programs includes purchases not only for natural gas, but electricity, energy audits, energy conservation, and performance contracting. Contact us to learn more.

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Benefits

- Management of the Natural Gas Program
- Access to the State's Energy Consultant
- Discount Group Pricing
- Budget Planning Process
- Financial Reporting Tools

The State of Michigan pays the aggregated monthly bill from the energy supplier, and invoices individual members back for their allocated portion based on the utility nominations. This enables the energy supplier to offer more aggressive pricing.

The Cooperative continues to investigate sourcing strategies that can provide further price improvements and security in supply, including additional storage capacity contracts with the utilities

Who can join?

The State of Michigan Energy Purchasing Cooperative is open to public entities and local units of government.

For economic reasons, some size restrictions apply. Members must have an annual consumption on one meter of at least 20,000 MMBtu. The Cooperative can accommodate members with existing contracts, and encourages at least partial participation. Members may purchase all or part of their natural gas requirements through the Cooperative.

If your annual usage is under 20,000 MMBtu, go to www.michigan.gov/mideal to review natural gas Customer Choice options.

How much time should be allowed to switch my service to the Cooperative?

Please plan on at least thirty days for a smooth transition between suppliers.

When can I join the Cooperative?

You may join at any time.

FAQ

How big is the Cooperative?

The Cooperative currently buys 6 BCF Annually; and its members include State agencies, public universities, K-12 schools, counties, and cities.

What is the Cooperative's purchasing strategy?

Each Coop member has a custom-made plan for their natural gas purchases, and determines their own individual purchasing strategy and level of management involvement. The plan can be changed, one month in advance, for the next month.

Is there a fee?

Members pay a \$100 monthly fee, invoiced with their natural gas bill.

How do I find out more?

Please feel free to request a personal conference call with the membership coordinator to review the options. Member references are also available upon request.