



INFORMATION RELEASE – BCUC Approves Pacific Northern Gas Cost of Gas Rates effective April 1, 2017

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VANCOUVER - The BC Utilities Commission has approved Pacific Northern Gas’ (PNG) cost of gas rates for Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Tumbler Ridge and communities from Vanderhoof to Prince Rupert and Kitimat.

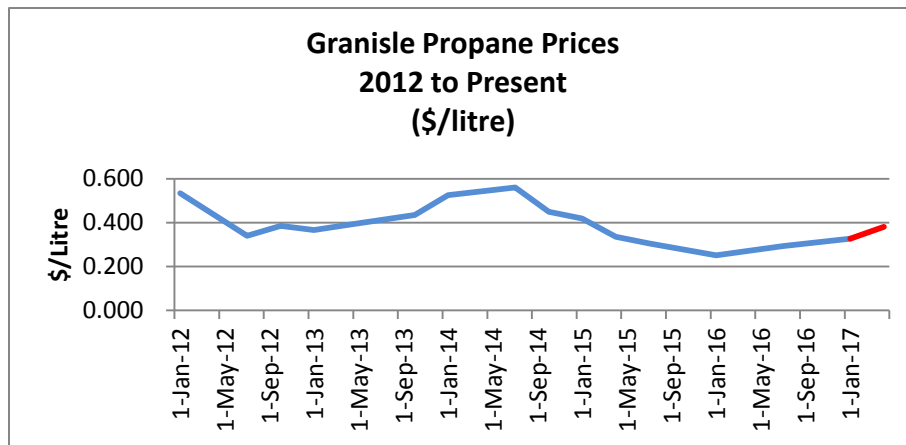
The cost of gas rate remains unchanged in all services areas except Granisle, which is supplied by propane not natural gas. The following cost of gas rates will be effective April 1, 2017 for residential customers:

Fort St. John/Dawson Creek	\$2.63/GJ
Tumbler Ridge	\$3.69/GJ
Vanderhoof to Prince Rupert/Kitimat	\$2.88/GJ
Granisle	\$14.74/GJ

Propane market prices tend to fluctuate more than natural gas. Based on the forecast average cost of propane for the next 12 months, the Granisle cost of gas rate will increase from \$13.095/GJ to \$14.743/GJ for residential customers. Please see the graph below for the Granisle cost of gas rate since 2012 (note price shown is per litre not gigajoule).

The rate change in Granisle comes into effect as the winter heating season ends and will result in a bill impact of approximately \$3.50 per month for the average residential customer, based on summer consumption levels.

Gas costs are a flow-through cost of the market prices that PNG pays for the commodity. The BCUC reviews PNG’s gas costs every quarter and does not approve PNG to earn a return or profit off the cost of gas rates.



To read the letter and order approving these rates, please visit the following links:

[Fort St. John/Dawson Creek/Tumbler Ridge – Letter L-5-17](#)

[Vanderhoof/Prince Rupert/Kitimat/Granisle – Order G-36-17](#)

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