



**INFORMATION RELEASE – BCUC Approves FortisBC and Pacific Northern Gas’ Quarterly Cost of Gas Rates**  
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VANCOUVER - The BC Utilities Commission has approved quarterly cost of gas rates for FortisBC and Pacific North Gas (PNG) effective January 1, 2018.

Cost of gas rates will decrease in all natural gas service areas. The residential cost of gas rate will decrease by:

- \$0.515/GJ in Fort Nelson;
- \$0.501/GJ in the Mainland, Vancouver Island and Whistler;
- \$0.347/GJ in communities from Vanderhoof to Prince Rupert and Kitimat;
- \$0.373/GJ in Fort St. John/Dawson Creek; and
- \$0.547/GJ in Tumbler Ridge.

The mechanism for setting cost of gas rates takes into account a variety of factors, including the revenue to cost ratio for each service area. Given these factors vary by service area, rate changes are not uniform.

In the Granisle and Revelstoke service areas, which are supplied with propane not natural gas, the cost of gas rate will increase. Propane market prices tend to fluctuate more than natural gas.

The table below shows the residential cost of gas rate in each service area for the quarter January through March, as well as the utility and type of gas supply for each area.

Utility	Service area	Cost of gas rate	Supply
<b>FortisBC</b>	Mainland	\$1.549/GJ	Natural gas
	Vancouver Island	\$1.549/GJ	Natural gas
	Whistler	\$1.549/GJ	Natural gas
	Fort Nelson	\$1.571/GJ	Natural gas
	Revelstoke	\$12.679/GJ	Propane
<b>PNG</b>	Vanderhoof to Prince Rupert/Kitimat	\$2.034/GJ	Natural gas
	Fort St. John/Dawson Creek	\$1.779/GJ	Natural gas
	Tumbler Ridge	\$2.689/GJ	Natural gas
	Granisle	\$16.820/GJ	Propane

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

**To read the orders approving the rates please visit the following links:**

[FortisBC Mainland, Vancouver Island and Whistler – Order G-173-17](#)

[FortisBC Fort Nelson – Order G-175-17](#)

[FortisBC Revelstoke – Order G-174-17](#)

[PNG West & Granisle – Order G-186-17](#)

[PNG N.E. Fort St. John/Dawson Creek & Tumbler Ridge – Order G-187-17](#)

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