

Participation in Xcel Energy Gas Rate Programs

Save on your natural gas rates throughout the year

We offer tremendous savings opportunities and choices for our natural gas business customers through our interruptible gas rate savings programs. If you are able to curtail your natural gas use during peak days, you can qualify for reduced natural gas rates throughout the entire year.

During periods of peak gas demands such as bitter cold winter days, our gas customers may require more natural gas than is normally available. By participating in the interruptible gas rate savings programs, you help reduce the amount of gas our customers need, which helps us meet the gas requirements at critical times.

Pay less per therm, when you agree to interruptible gas rate terms

When you join the program, you agree to go off the gas system within one hour of notification, provide and maintain suitable and adequate alternate fuel-capable standby facilities and have access to sufficient standby alternate fuel for curtailment periods. You also must install a phone line to the utility-owned Metretek, a telemetering device that reads your meter on an hourly basis. In return, you will pay significantly less per therm on your year-round gas usage.

Add the optional Limited Firm Service *(only available in Minnesota and North Dakota)*

With an interruptible rate you also have the additional option to use our convenient, affordable **Limited Firm Service**. This service lets you reserve up to 15 days of gas supply for use during curtailment days. This secure supply supplements your own back-up supply during time of curtailment and is delivered via the Xcel Energy distribution system.

You pay an up-front availability charge and then pay for the gas only if and when you use it. While you still need an on-site, back-up supply, you'll lower your operating costs by eliminating the need for large, on-site, alternative fuel storage.

Note: Call our Business Solutions Center at **800.481.4700** before the heating season begins to reserve your limited firm supply. Our limited firm natural gas supply is not always available and usually only on a first come, first served basis.

You have more choices with Xcel Energy transportation rates

Our **optional natural gas transportation rates** offer the flexibility to purchase your own supply of natural gas — either independently or through a third-party agent — and use the reliability and security of our distribution system to transport it to your facility.

If your daily requirements are more than 500 therms, you can qualify for either the **firm transportation rate** or, for more cost savings, you may choose the **interruptible transportation service**. The firm transportation service remains available during our curtailment periods, whereas the interruptible transportation service is not available during **some** curtailments.

Call **800.481.4700** today to learn more and to sign up and start saving!

By offering these special rates — interruptible, limited firm, or a transportation service — Xcel Energy can meet your low-cost requirements while still meeting your energy needs. To find out what rate is best for you, contact your Xcel Energy account manager or our Business Solutions Center at **800.481.4700**.



Who can benefit?

Many companies qualify for our interruptible gas rate programs.

Types of organizations that frequently take advantage of these programs include:

- Manufacturing facilities
- Water and wastewater treatment facilities
- Food products industry
- Healthcare facilities
- Apartment and commercial properties
- Educational facilities
- Facilities with back-up gas systems

