OCTOBER 2025



September 2025 Gas Rate \$ 1.07/GJ October 2025 Gas Rate \$1.57/GJ

SCHOLARSHIP

Every year, Meota Gas offers a scholarship to children of Meota's members.

An award of one (1) \$ 1,000 or two (2) \$ 500 scholarships are granted by Meota's Board of Directors annually through recommendations from the Awards Committee at the discretion of Meota's Board of Directors.

For complete application and information package, please contact our office, or visit our website to download the package.

Application Deadline: October 31, 2025 Awards Timeline: after November 30, 2025

CONSTRUCTION

We continue to tackle our construction projects as they come ready. We are in progress of a mains replacement/installation along 274 Ave between Hwy 22x and 192 St W. Keeping our infrastructure updates is critical to the continued safe supply of natural gas for our customers. Construction is continuing during October.

METER EXCHANGES

We continue to book required meter changes into October. Measurement Canada requires gas distributors to change our meters at specific intervals. This reverification ensures that your gas meter is tested for accuracy in measurement to ensure accuracy in your gas billing.

If your meter is due for exchange this year, we will contact you to set up an appointment for change out. The exchange means that gas service will be interrupted at your home. Once the meter is changed out, we will relight any of your natural gas appliances as needed and will need access to these appliances.

LOCKED IN GAS RATES VS VARIABLE RATES

Meota does not offer a locked in rate option, but we want to provide some information surrounding this topic.

When natural gas rates fluctuate, having a locked in rate by a natural gas retailer means you have a sense of predictability on your cost of each unit of energy (Gigajoule) of gas consumed. A fixed rate does not mean that you will pay the same amount each month. Your monthly utility bill can be higher or lower depending on the amount of energy you have used. A fixed rate can protect you from market fluctuations, however, time over time, it has been proven that a variable rate is cheaper over a period of time. Year over year, variable rates outperform a locked in rate.

Year over year, it has been proven that a variable rate of natural gas is lower over the course of a period of measure.

Fixed Rate Plans are created with buffers to allow for market rate fluctuations for the retailer. Variable rates reflect current market rates.

Here are some examples of Retailer Rate Plans – current offerings at October 1, 2025.

ATCO Energy - \$ 4.15/GJ

Sponsor Energy - \$ 3.98/GJ

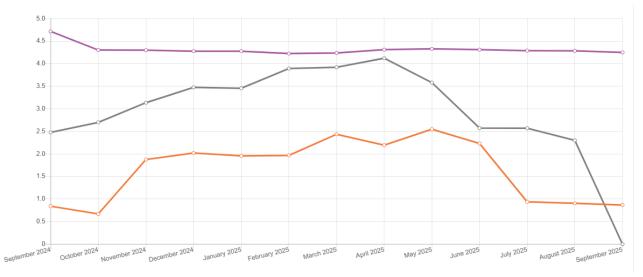
Direct Energy - \$ 4.57/GJ

Meota Gas – Oct Variable Rate = \$ 1.57/GJ

Meota Gas – Variable Rate Average from September 2024 to September 2025 = \$1.89/GJ

These average rates are intended to show price trends over time. They are not intended to represent specific rates or plans at any given time and don't include delivery charges. Graph below depicts 12 month averages of gas rates from September 2024 to September 2025. Past performance is not an indication of future prices. Exported Variable rates data does not include transaction charge amounts.

Purple=Fixed Rate 12 mo avg \$ 4.32/GJ Green=Variable Rate 12 mo avg \$ 2.94 Orange-Regulated Rate 12 mo avg \$ 1.65



Source:https://ucahelps.alberta.ca/historic-rates.aspx

NATURAL GAS COST COMPARISON - GAS ALBERTA INC. VS REGULATED RETAILER RATES



WTD - Weighted Average DERS - Direct Energy Regulated Services AUI - Apex Utilities Inc. (FORMERLY ALTA GAS)

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If you smell gas inside or outside, or hit a gas line, contact us immediately. We are on-call 24/7.

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DEFINITIONS

Cost of Gas — This is the cost of natural gas charged to Meota Gas Co-op from its wholesaler, GasAlberta. Meota Gas does not benefit from any increase or decrease in the rate charged per gigajoule (GJ) of natural gas. Meota Gas operates as a not-for-profit cooperative.

Delivery Charge – This charge is generated to cover the costs of delivering natural gas to Meota's customers/members and the costs for operating the cooperative. This fee is charged on the number of GJ's consumed.

Monthly Fixed Charge – This is the monthly flat rate charged to recover a portion of the total operating costs.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cheque – by mail or deliver to office. An after-hours mailbox is available.

On Line – Find Meota Gas Co-op as a payee. When referencing your account number, your financial institution may require more than your 4-digit account number. If so, please add zeros before or after your account number. (ie. 0004567 or 45670000)

E-Transfer – payments may be e-transferred to <u>admin@meotagas.com</u>. Please reference your account number in the notes. *Note: Meota Gas is set up for auto-deposit for e-transfers.

Auto Debit – Auto Debit payments are Meota's preferred method. Payments will be processed on the billing due date. If you wish to sign up for Auto Debit, kindly contact our office.

At your Bank – most financial institutions can process in-person payments.





Alberta One Call is now called Utility Safety Partners

Any ground disturbance on your property requires locates booked through Utility Safety Partners. Landscaping, new fencing or decks, or even planting a garden is ground disturbance and can cause damage to a buried utility. Some utilities are buried only centimeters below the surface.

The results of a contact with a buried utility can be loss of an essential service for you or your neighbours, costly repairs, and most importantly serious injury or death.