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Fluctuation in Feedstock Prices and Adjustment of Gas Rates

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In accordance with the provisions for rate adjustment for feedstock costs, Tokyo Gas has adjusted the unit commodity charge for meter readings over the months April – June 2003 upward by 1.93 yen per cubic meter (46.04655MJ) relative to the corresponding charge for meter readings for January – March 2003.

This adjustment is based on the average feedstock prices over the months October - December 2002.

As a result, the charge for a standard home consuming 50 cubic meters of gas per month would increase by 97 yen (excluding the national consumption tax) relative to that for meter readings for January – March 2003.

Customers will be notified in advance of the gas rates applied to meter readings over the months April - June 2003 by means of notices posted in Tokyo Gas business offices and their meter reading slips for March.

1. Gas rates for the months April - June 2003

(1) Supply contract rate schedule

(Application of rate schedule A ~ F as appropriate for the amount of gas use in the month in question)

	Rate A	Rate B	Rate C	Rate D	Rate E	Rate F
Monthly consumption volume	0 to 20m ³	21 to 80m ³	81 to 200m ³	201 to 500m ³	501 to 800m ³	Over 801m ³
Basic charge (yen/month)	690	1,040	1,460	2,000	5,050	9,610
Commodity charge(yen/m ³)	129.18	111.68	106.43	103.73	97.63	91.93

(2) Effect on a standard household

Yen/month

Monthly consumption volume of 50 cubic meters	Charge imposed over the months April – June 2003	Charge imposed for January – March 2003	Change
Excluding the national consumption tax	6,624	6,527	+97
Including the national consumption tax	6,955	6,853	+102

2. Fluctuation in feedstock prices

	Yen/ton	
Standard average feedstock price (1)	27,160	
Average feedstock price over the months October – December 2002 (2)	29,480	
	LNG	29,070
	LPG	40,630
Difference (2) - (1)	2,320	

Note: Both LNG and LPG prices are based on customs clearance statistics.

Reference: Outline of the feedstock cost adjustment scheme

- * The scheme provides for adjustment of the unit commodity charge in gas rates (i.e., the charge per cubic meter of gas consumed) at three-month intervals in correspondence with fluctuation in feedstock prices owing to factors such as exchange rates and crude oil prices.
- * The unit commodity charge is adjusted by 0.084 yen per cubic meter for each 100 yen of fluctuation in feedstock price, based on the difference between the standard average feedstock price (27,160 yen per ton) and average feedstock price (calculated on the basis of LNG and LPG import prices in the quarter in question).
- * The fluctuation in feedstock prices is calculated on the basis of actual values in customs clearance statistics for both LNG and LPG.
- * Arrangements have been made to avoid both small and frequent rate adjustments as well as large fluctuations. The specific provisions are as follows.
 - There is no adjustment of gas rates if the difference between the standard average feedstock price (27,160 yen/ton) and average feedstock price is less than 1,360 yen.
 - Even if the average feedstock price exceeds the upper limit of 43,460 yen, the amount of 43,460 yen is applied in the calculation of the gas rate adjustment.

Reference document

Calculation of unit charge adjustment for feedstock costs

* Calculation of average feedstock prices

Average LNG price 29,070 yen/ton x 0.9314

(customs clearance statistics value)

Average LPG price 40,630 yen/ton x 0.0591

(customs clearance statistics value)

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29,477.03

(rounding to the nearest ten yen)

29,480 yen/ton

* Calculation of the amount of feedstock price fluctuation

29,480 yen/ton

- 27,160 yen/ton =

2,320 yen/ton

(omission of amounts less than 100 yen)

2,300 yen/ton

* Calculation of the adjusted rate (charge per cubic meter)

Adjusted rate = +2,300 yen / 100 yen x 0.084 (*)

(unit charge)

= +1.93yen

(omission of amounts less than 0.01 yen)

* The unit commodity charge is adjusted by 0.084 yen per cubic meter for every 100 yen of fluctuation

* Effect on the standard household

			Yen/month
Monthly consumption volume of 50 cubic meters	Charge applied over the months April-June 2003	Charge applied over the months January – March 2003	Change
Excluding the national consumption tax	6,624	6,527	+97
Including the national consumption tax	6,955	6,853	+102

* Omission of amounts less than one yen in the calculation of the charge inclusive of the national consumption tax

* Method of calculation for the standard household charge (excluding the national consumption tax)

= Standing charge (1,040 yen)

+ Commodity charge (109.75 yen + 1.93 yen) x 50m³

Commodity charge at the time of notification of the rate revision