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Natural gas: more economical and cleaner than oil Two good reasons for choosing natural gas for your business



It is not a secret anymore that blue entrepreneurs have made a wise business decision because they chose natural gas which has been more economical than electricity for the last ten years and has outright beaten oil for the last five years. A business using 15,000 m³ of natural gas for its high efficiency system saved 22,668\$ in comparison to an electric system.

Gaz Métro is inviting managers of companies to consider natural gas in their business decisions. Natural gas enjoys a clearly favourable competitive position. Not only is it cleaner and more economical, but the various rebates and financial assistance available through the energy efficiency programs offered by Gaz Métro make it even more attractive.

Real savings for the last 10 years

The following graphs show typical natural gas consumptions for small and medium businesses.

Obtain up to 40% of the installation costs in financial assistance

Thanks to the energy efficiency programs offered by Gaz Métro, Québec companies can take advantage of significant financial assistance for converting their heating systems to natural gas. The programs facilitate the purchase of natural gas high energy efficiency appliances, which generate savings in energy and money. The financial assistance may reach as high as 40%, depending on the type of appliances installed.

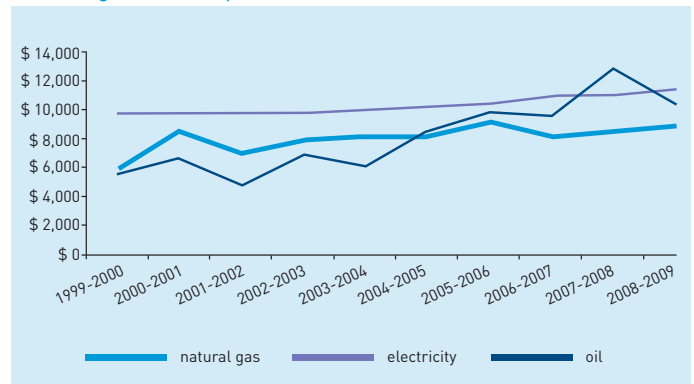
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As well as improving their competitiveness, company managers can help the environment. In fact, natural gas is the cleanest fossil energy since it contributes the least to the phenomena of smog, acid rain and global warming. Natural gas appliances produce no soot, dust, black smoke nor ash. That is why greenhouse emissions can be reduced by 30% when oil is replaced by natural gas.

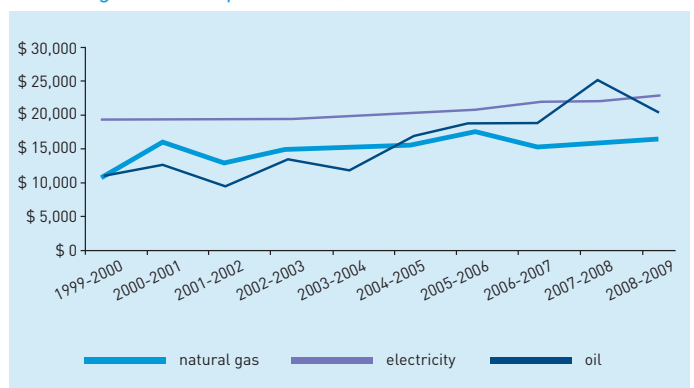
Gaz Métro in brief

With more than \$3.3 billion in assets and about 1,300 employees in Québec, Gaz Métro is a major Québec energy company and one of Canada's largest natural gas distributors. Gaz Métro serves about 175,000 customers in Québec through an underground pipeline network of almost 10,000 km.

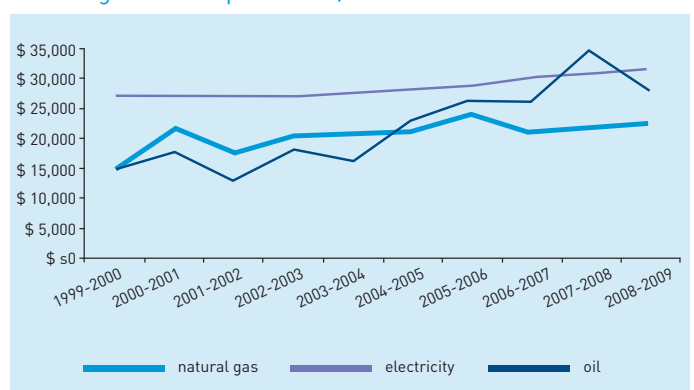
Natural gas consumption of 15,000 m³



Natural gas consumption of 30,000 m³



Natural gas consumption of 41,500 m³



* The following graphs represent the average annual energy costs for small (15,000 m³) to medium sized businesses (30,000 m³ et 41,500 m³) from October to September using a high efficiency heating system. For comparison purposes, September 2009 was projected according to the rates and tariffs of August 2009.