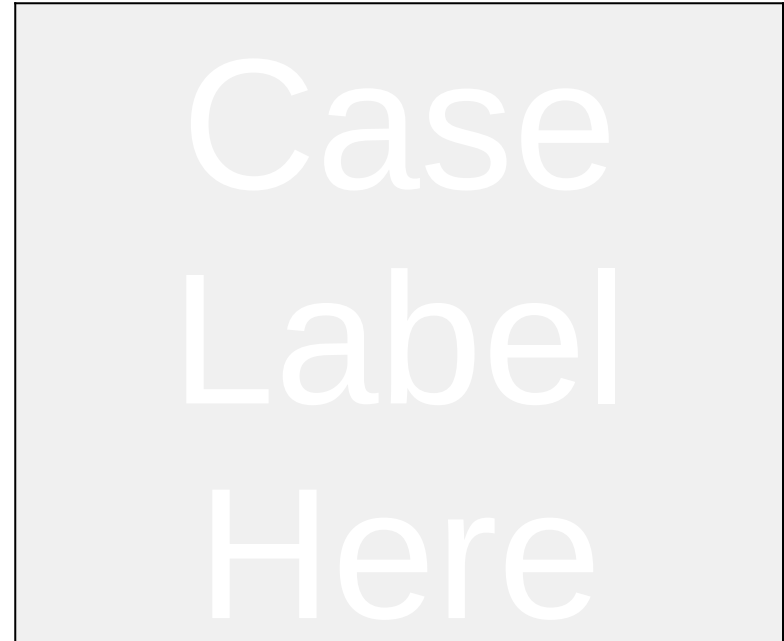


2012 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS)
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Natural Gas Usage Form
(Form EIA-871C)



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STEP 1

Look at the label and indicate the type of unit for which you are instructed to provide information:

- Entire building
- Establishment or business within the building

In the following questions, the entire building or establishment within the building will be referred to as the **reporting unit**.

STEP 2

Complete this form and return it by xx xx, xxxx. Reporting is mandatory under Public Law 93-275, as amended. If you have any questions, please call (toll-free) 1-888-xxx-xxxx and ask for [CONTRACTOR].

Title 18 U.S.C. 1001 makes it a criminal offense for any person knowingly and willingly to make to any Agency or Department of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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STEP 4**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Reporting format: Report the requested information on this form or in a format that is convenient for you, such as a computer printout. Make sure the alternate format includes the required information. Examples of completed forms and Frequently Asked Questions are available on the Energy Information Administration website at: <http://www.eia.gov/consumption/commercial/ess>

Privacy of account numbers: We identify buildings only by the CBECS building identification number, shown on the label on the first page; we do not need your individual account numbers. If you have privacy concerns for your customers, please mark out or omit your own account numbers from any submissions. However, make sure you write the CBECS building identification number on any forms or printouts you send us.

Multiple accounts: Submit a single report for the entire reporting unit summing across all accounts. The total should include former customers who occupied the space during the reporting period. If it is easier, you may provide a separate report for each of the accounts and we will aggregate the data for you.

Reporting Period: Please report natural gas data for all of 2012. We ask for the 16 month period that begins with November 2011 and ends with February 2013; this ensures your report covers the entire calendar year plus two months before and after.

For each month (service period) provide the following for the reporting unit:

1. End date (month/day/year)
2. Natural gas quantities
3. Natural gas charges

STEP 5

If you... Deliver and sell, or deliver only, natural gas directly to the reporting unit (e.g. your company is the local natural gas utility)

Comple

Worksheet 1 for quantities and all charges (dollars)

If you... Sell only, natural gas to the reporting unit, (e.g. your company is a third-party natural gas supplier or marketer)

Comple

Worksheet 2 for quantities and sales charges only (dollars)

STEP 6**COVERAGE, CLASSIFICATION, AND PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

1. **Do the responses in Worksheet 1 and/or 2 include all active accounts or customers in this reporting unit as of December 31, 2011?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Don't Know

2. **Does the information reported in Worksheet 1 and/or 2 include deliveries or sales to any other building(s) or unit(s) other than the reporting unit?**
 - Yes → The information includes substantial deliveries or sales to buildings or units other than the reporting unit and you were unable to report separately for the reporting unit.
 - No → The information includes deliveries or sales to only the reporting unit (or the reporting unit and minor out-buildings, such as a shed).
 - Don't know

3. **How do you classify the reporting unit in your records?**
 - Commercial
 - Residential
 - Industrial
 - Commercial/Industrial
 - Other, specify _____

4. **Are the customers in this reporting unit eligible to participate in a "customer choice" program, that is, are they allowed to purchase fuel from an alternative supplier?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Don't Know

STEP 7

RETURN YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE(S):

**Please use the enclosed FedEx label and envelope to
return the questionnaire(s) to:**

▶ United States Department of Energy
c/o [CONTRACTOR]
STREET.
CITY, STATE ZIPCD-PLUS

**Or you may FAX a copy of the completed form to
[CONTRACTOR] at:**

▶ 1-800-xxx-xxxx

Thank you for completing this form.