

Osaka Gas Lowers Gas Rates

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Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.

Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. (President: Takehiro Honjo) decided at today's board meeting that it would amend the General Gas Supply Provisions on March 29, 2019, and on the same day, notified the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of the amendments. One of the major modifications is an average 0.50% reduction in gas rates that have been set under the General Gas Supply Provisions based on rate regulations applied as transitional measures.*

This reduction in the gas rates reflects two factors: Osaka Gas has increased its management efficiency since the previous rate revision in January 2015, and anticipates that its further efforts to improve efficiency will reduce its fixed costs.

Before notifying the Minister of the rate reduction, Osaka Gas set goals for increasing its management efficiency to be achieved in fiscal 2018 and later. It will announce its progress toward achieving these goals on a regular basis.

Osaka Gas will continue to promote an increase in its management efficiency, further enhance its business quality, strive to ensure stable energy supply, security, and better services, and contribute to the development of its customers and society.

* Refer to regulated retail rates that have been set by government-designated former general gas utilities. Since the full liberalization of the gas retail business in April 2017, the regulations have been applied as transitional measures until emerging gas retailers reach a certain level of competitiveness against former general gas utilities. Nine gas utilities including Osaka Gas are covered under the rate regulations (as of the end of January 2019).