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More than half of the new electric generation capacity expected to be built in the coming decades will burn natural gas. Still, the impact on total natural gas supply will not be detrimental. Most of the new plants will use highly efficient combined-cycle technology, consuming less natural gas to generate electricity than traditional plants. While these highly efficient plants are being added to the system, older, less efficient gas plants will be retired, helping to offset any increase in gas demand from these new units. Even if natural gas use for electricity generation grows at a faster pace than expected, our abundant supply of natural gas can meet that demand.

The natural gas industry supports the employment of nearly 3 million Americans in all 50 states. There is a tremendous opportunity for consumers and our nation as a whole through greater use of natural gas.

All natural gas, including shale gas, can and should be produced in an environmentally responsible fashion. Our nation possesses a 100-year supply of natural gas. In fact, the United States now has more natural gas than Saudi Arabia has oil, making us the largest producer of natural gas in the world. Advances in technology have led to the cost-effective development of natural gas from shale formations. The result has been a dramatic increase in the amount of domestic natural gas available for the American energy market. Neither the political instability in the Middle East nor last year's winter of sustained cold and record snowfall significantly affected natural gas prices in the United States, which remained relatively low and stable. We must put this abundant resource to good use.

We are only beginning to tap natural gas's potential. In the transportation sector, natural gas can immediately be put to use across the country to fuel a wide range of transportation options, from fleet and light-duty vehicles to heavy-duty trucking and off-road applications. More than 50 natural gas utilities and producers have joined forces and are working alongside fleet managers and other industry players to further policies for the use of clean, domestic and affordable natural gas as a transportation fuel. Natural gas is available now to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Combining abundant supplies of natural gas with the entire energy portfolio of wind, solar and nuclear creates an entirely new playing field for the U.S. economy. Natural gas is a foundation fuel that can help meet the energy needs in all sectors - residential, commercial, industrial, electricity generation, and transportation - cleanly, economically and efficiently.

Electricity Pricing Areas - Feb 21, 2012

March

On-Peak	Per kWh
Cinergy	\$.02910
PJM West	\$.03422

ComEd Average Day Ahead LMP Electric Price

Time Period	Average per Kwh
Feb 1-Feb 28, 2011	\$.03581
March 1- Mar 31	\$.03668
April 1 - April 30	\$.03448
May1- May 31	\$.03954
June 1 - June 30	\$.03851
July 1 thru July 31	\$.05170
Aug 1 - Aug 31	\$.04064
Sep 1 - Sep 30	\$.03058
Oct 1- Oct31	\$.02968
Nov 1- Nov 30	\$.02816
Dec 1 - Dec 31	\$.02971
Jan 1 -Jan 31	\$.03043
Feb 1-Feb 20, 2012	\$.02973

Weather Today: Rain or snow showers this morning will give way to partly cloudy skies this afternoon. High 44F. Winds WSW at 20 to 30 mph. Chance of rain 60%. **Tonight:** Mostly clear. Low near 35F. Winds WSW at 15 to 25 mph. **Wed:** Mostly cloudy. High 49F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph. **Wed night:** Cloudy with showers. Low near 40F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 70%. **Thu:** Showers at times. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 30s. **Fri:** A few snow showers. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s. **Sat:** More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the low 30s.

