

# The SAVINGS Spark



Cost Control Associates helps your organization reduce and better manage your energy, waste removal and telecom expenses. This monthly newsletter shares industry-related news, tips and updates.

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## The Story of Regulated & Deregulated Electricity

### Navigating Electricity Markets

When it comes to purchasing electricity, utility markets are complicated. Electricity markets are regulated in some states; others are unregulated, and some are a bit of both. The more you know, the better off you will be for getting the power you need at competitive prices. [Learn about today's electricity markets and the history of regulation.](#)

Pay Less for Electricity...

## Energy Procurement Report

### Natural Gas

Pricing was up in February, averaging \$4.69 per MMBtu. March has been volatile due to fluctuating weather patterns and the war in Ukraine. However, as temperatures rise around the globe, the demand for heating will drop and prices should break down further. The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) expects pricing to average \$4.10 per MMBtu in March, based on weather and higher production levels. The U.S. is likely to see an increase in natural gas production through 2050, buoyed by liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports and more pipeline exports to Mexico.

### LNG

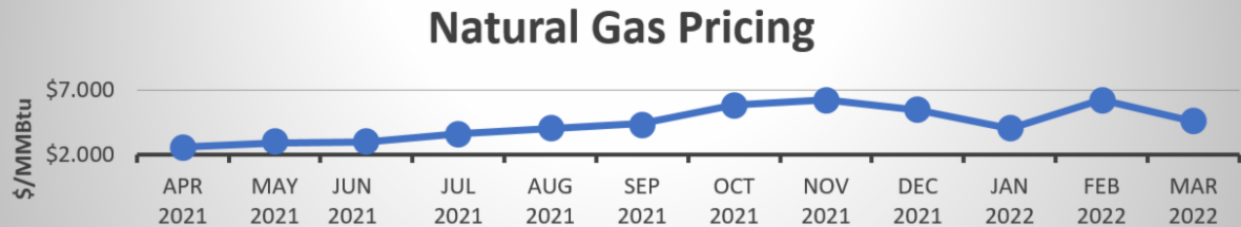
As of January the U.S. is the world leading exporter of liquefied natural gas. In February the U.S. continued to hold that spot for a second month in a row. The EIA reports that 24 LNG vessels with a combined capacity of

92 Bcf departed the U.S. between February 24 and March 2. LNG exports are expected to remain high throughout 2022 as Europe's gas inventories stay low.

## Natural Gas Storage

The U.S. ended February with natural gas storage totaling 1,643 Bcf. That's 13% lower than the five-year average.

The following graph shows pricing over the past year:



## If You Missed Last Month's Blog



### 6 Things to Know About Your Utility Tariff

If your organization manages its own energy accounts in regulated states, utility tariffs are important documents that you should read and understand thoroughly. However, tariffs are not cut in stone, and they can change over time. Many businesses don't realize their tariff has changed until they see a sudden spike in charges. Other times rate changes are so minor, no one notices, but they add up over time. [Here's what you need to know.](#)



## Get the Energy Edge

Cost Control Associates has the energy industry expertise you need to be on the leading edge of your competition. Our independence from suppliers and installers helps your business pay less and understand more about its utility expenses including energy, water/sewer, waste removal, telecom and [so much more](#). We've been doing it for more than 30 years, and our experience shows. Client satisfaction is our top priority!

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