

Residential Energy Consumers' Guide



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Over the last 10 years, hundreds of Albertans have asked my advice on what to do when it comes to buying electricity and natural gas for their homes. They have had concerns about energy contracts and many of them have heard horror stories from neighbours and friends about contracts they regretted. I understand those concerns and heard many more of those same horror stories.

But right now, I strongly recommend that people get off the regulated rate for electricity by getting on an electricity contract. I believe that the regulated rate will increase in fits and starts until it is well above the contract prices available today. I don't expect there to be a cheaper time to protect yourself from spiking electricity prices in coming years.

We have reviewed all published electricity and natural gas offers in Alberta as of June 1, 2013 and have provided a rate summary and star rating system for each of them below. We have also prepared a list of the top 3 energy offers in each of three categories: General Consumer, Green Energy and Social Purpose.

I hope that this Guide provides Albertans with the information and confidence to buy energy this new way. It's not really a hard thing to do, but it's important to look after sooner rather than later.

Best regards,

Dave Gray

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Buying energy contracts in Alberta

What are your choices?

In Alberta, you can sign up for a supply contract for electricity or natural gas or both. With one exception, I am not recommending that consumers buy a contract for natural gas supply. I am strongly recommending that people lock in their electricity rates by signing a contract.

Electricity contracts are available in either 3 year or 5 year terms. You can also buy electricity at spot market prices plus a markup on what's called a "flow through" contract. These contracts are not recommended because they are so extremely volatile. They are theoretically less expensive, but in practice are just painful.

There are also other options now available for consumers to choose either green energy supply or support local or charitable causes through their energy purchases. I encourage consumers to explore these options.

This Guide will be updated monthly based on information available as of the first day of the month.

Where to start: electricity

Step 1: find your last electricity bill. If it mentions regulated rate option or RRO anywhere on the charges, then you can move on to step 2. If you already have a contract for electricity, see below.

Step 2: contact your desired retailer by phone or through their website. You will need your last bill and banking information. Many retailers only offer to bill their customers electronically, so get help if you're not computer savvy.

Where to start: gas

Step 1: find your last gas bill. If it mentions gas cost recovery rate or GCRR anywhere on the charges, then you can move on to step 2. If you already have a contract for gas, see below.

Step 2: relax. If you are on the regulated rate for gas, you are doing OK.

Deposits and credit

Your energy retailer is going to run a credit check on you when you sign up. If you don't have good credit, you will be asked for a deposit against your account. It's important for you to know this up front.

The reason that energy retailers require credit checks and/or deposits is because they have to front all of the money for your power and electric facilities charges, including a two month deposit for every customer to the regulated wires companies.

Some Alberta energy retailers are offering discounts to customers that put down a deposit, with interest back on the deposit money every month. Approaches vary among retailers, so please watch for this when you go to sign up.

If you have an existing energy contract

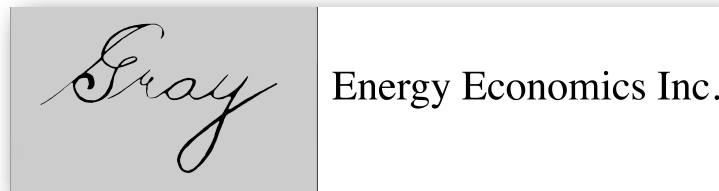
Check to see if you are locked in to your energy contract for a fixed term and have to pay a penalty for early exit. Many of contracts written in the last five years have allowed you to leave the contract with 30 days notice.

Pay particular attention to whether or not you are locked in to a fixed price gas contract. Natural gas prices have dropped dramatically and you may be paying more than you need to. Right now it is hard to go wrong with the regulated rate for natural gas.

Older fixed price electricity contracts usually have lower rates than available today, but it doesn't hurt to double check.

Our Star Rating System for Residential Energy Plans

☆☆☆☆☆	Strongly recommended plan, best in class
☆☆☆☆	Recommended as competitive plan with reasonable conditions
☆☆☆	Plan has some benefits but may not be cost competitive or has restrictive conditions
☆☆	Plan not recommended for most customers
☆	Not recommended



Top Three Residential Consumer Energy Plans June 2013 - Alberta

1	NewGen Energy and 11 others	Stable Rate Plan for Seniors
2	Adagio Energy	3 Year Fixed Rate
3	ENMAX Energy	Easy Max 5 year Dual Fuel Fixed Electricity Floating Gas

Top Three Residential Green Energy Plans June 2013 - Alberta

1	Bow Valley Power	EcoLogo Certified Green Power
2	Bullfrog Power	EcoLogo Certified Wind Power Adder
3	ENMAX Energy	EasyMax Reward Dollars Conversion

Top Three Social Purpose Energy Plans June 2013 - Alberta

1	Sponsor Energy	All plans
2	Mountain View Power	All plans
3	tie: Camrose Power and Peace Power	All plans

Seniors' Electricity Rate Plans

Adagio Energy Inc.	Stable Rate plan for Seniors			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	7.3 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Residential Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.75/mo.	Available	Seniors only, Alberta wide not including REA customers	
Comments: This is an excellent opportunity for seniors to lock in their electricity costs at a very favorable rate. This company uses electronic billings only, so the grandkids may have to help.				

Bow Valley Power	Stable Rate plan for Seniors			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	7.3 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Residential Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.50/mo.	Available	Seniors only, Alberta wide not including REA customers	
Comments: This is an excellent opportunity for seniors to lock in their electricity costs at a very favorable rate. This company uses electronic billings only. Bow Valley Power provides 20% of their profits to green community projects.				

Brighter Futures Energy Inc.	Stable Rate plan for Seniors			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	7.3 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Residential Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$6.50/mo.	Available	ENMAX and FortisAlberta customers only	
Comments: This is an excellent opportunity for seniors to lock in their electricity costs at a very favorable rate. This company uses electronic billings only.				

Camrose Energy	Stable Rate plan for Seniors			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	7.3 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Residential Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.90/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This is an excellent opportunity for seniors to lock in their electricity costs at a very favorable rate. This company uses electronic billings only. This company donates 10% of its profits to Camrose community projects.				

eNRG Power Ltd.	Stable Rate plan for Seniors			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	7.3 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Residential Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$6.00/mo.	Available	ENMAX (Calgary) customers only	
Comments: This is an excellent opportunity for seniors to lock in their electricity costs at a very favorable rate. This company uses electronic billings only.				

Mountain View Power	Stable Rate plan for Seniors			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	7.3 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Residential Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.75/mo.	Available	FortisAlberta customers only	
Comments: This is an excellent opportunity for seniors to lock in their electricity costs at a very favorable rate. This company uses electronic billings only. Mountain View Power is owned by the Olds Institute and supports local initiatives.				

NewGen Energy	Stable Rate plan for Seniors			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	7.3 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Residential Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.50/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This is an excellent opportunity for seniors to lock in their electricity costs at a very favorable rate. This company uses electronic billings only.				

Peace Power	Stable Rate plan for Seniors			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	7.3 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Residential Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.95/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This is an excellent opportunity for seniors to lock in their electricity costs at a very favorable rate. This company uses electronic billings only. Peace Power has committed to return 10% of it's profits to community projects.				

Spark	Stable Rate plan for Seniors			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	7.3 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Residential Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.75/mo.	Available	ATCO Electric, FortisAlberta and Epcor customers only	
Comments: This is an excellent opportunity for seniors to lock in their electricity costs at a very favorable rate. This company uses electronic billings only.				

Sponsor Energy	Stable Rate plan for Seniors			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	7.3 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Residential Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$6.25/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This is an excellent opportunity for seniors to lock in their electricity costs at a very favorable rate. This company uses electronic billings only. Sponsor Energy returns 50% of its profits to your choice of charities.				

Spot Power	Stable Rate plan for Seniors			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	7.3 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Residential Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.90/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This is an excellent opportunity for seniors to lock in their electricity costs at a very favorable rate. This company uses electronic billings only.				

Vector Energy	Stable Rate plan for Seniors			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	7.3 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Residential Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$7.00/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This is an excellent opportunity for seniors to lock in their electricity costs at a very favorable rate. This company uses electronic billings only.				

Green Energy Plans

Bow Valley Power	EcoLogo Certified Green Power			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	10.35 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Green Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.50/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: Uses all EcoLogo certified power. Electronic billing only. 1.8 ¢/kW.h Green premium.				

Bullfrog Power	EcoLogo Certified Wind Power			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	2 ¢/kW.h on top of retail contract	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Green Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$0/mo.	Available	Alberta wide	
Comments: Bullfrog is an add on to other retailer contracts. Uses all EcoLogo certified power.				

ENMAX Energy	Easy Max Gas and Electricity Bundles			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	Easy Max reward dollars for 5,000 kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Green Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	5 years	
Admin Fee	Effective \$10/month or 2.4 ¢/kW.h	Available	Alberta wide	
Comments: Easy Max customers can add 5,000 kW.h of green electricity in exchange for their Easy Max reward dollars.				

Just Energy Alberta L.P.	Just Green Power and Gas Price Predict-a-Bill Programs			☆☆☆
Electricity Price	100% offset +\$10/month	Gas Price	100% offset +\$10/month	
Early Exit Fee	Yes	Term	5 years	
Admin Fee	Included in base contract	Available	Alberta wide	
Comments: This is an add on to the Just Energy Predict-a-Bill program. The effective rate is 1.09 to 1.5 ¢/kW.h for 100% green energy offsets. If the Predict-a-Bill program is your preferred choice of energy plans, this is worth considering.				

Just Energy Alberta L.P.	Just Green Power and Gas Price Protection Programs			☆☆
Electricity Price	60% offset +1.50 ¢/ kW.h	Gas Price	60% offset +\$0.75/GJ	
	100% offset +2.50 ¢/ kW.h		100% offset +\$1.25/GJ	
Early Exit Fee	Yes	Term	5 years	
Admin Fee	Included in base contract	Available	Alberta wide	
Comments: In this plan electricity and natural gas consumption is offset by the purchase of carbon offsets. These green options are only offered as an add on to the Just Energy Price Protection programs.				

Floating Price Plans

Adagio Energy Inc.	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 0.95¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$5.75/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers. Billing is electronic only.				

Bow Valley Power	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 0.8¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$5.50/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers. Bow Valley Power provides 20% of their profits to green community projects. Electronic billing only.				

Brighter Energy Futures Inc.	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 0.8¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$6.50/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers. Electronic billing only.				

Camrose Energy	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 1.1¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$5.90/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers. Electronic billing only. This company donates 10% of its profits to Camrose community projects				

eNRG Power Ltd.	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 0.75¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$6.00/mo.	Available	ENMAX (Calgary) customers only	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers. Electronic billing only.				

Link Energy	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 0.50¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$6.00/mo.	Available	ENMAX and ATCO Electric Customers only	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers.				

Milner Power	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 1.0¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$5.00/mo.	Available	Primarily serving Grande Cache, available to ENMAX, FortisAlberta and ATCO Electric customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers.				

Mountain View Power	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 1.5¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$6.00/mo.	Available	FortisAlberta customers only	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers.				

NewGen Energy	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 1.4¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$5.50/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers.				

Northern Lights Energy and Power	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 1.0¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$6.00/mo.	Available	ATCO Electric and FortisAlberta customers only	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers.				

Peace Power	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 1.0¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$5.95/mo.	Available	ATCO Electric and FortisAlberta customers only	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers.				

Spark	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 1.0¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$5.75/mo.	Available	ATCO Electric, FortisAlberta and Epcor customers only	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers.				

Sponsor Energy	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 0.85¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$6.25/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers.				

Spot Power	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 1.0¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$5.90/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers.				

Vector Energy	Floating Price Plan			☆
Electricity Price	Market plus 1.45¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$7.00/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan puts the customer at full risk of rising pool prices. Not recommended for most customers.				

Three Year Fixed Price Plans

Adagio Energy Inc.	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.33 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	Top 3 Residential Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.75/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers. Billing is electronic only.				

Bow Valley Power	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.44 ¢/kW.h with deposit 8.55 ¢/kW.h without	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.50/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers. Bow Valley Power provides 20% of their profits to green community projects. Electronic billing only.				

Brighter Energy Futures Inc.	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.50 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$6.50/mo.	Available	ENMAX and FortisAlberta customers only	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers. Billing is electronic only.				

Camrose Energy	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.45 ¢/kW.h with deposit 8.65 ¢/kW.h without	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.90/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers. Camrose Energy provides funding to local community projects.				

Direct Energy	Simple Fixed Electricity			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.59 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$9.00/mo.	Available	Alberta wide	
Comments: This is a bare bones plan to lock in electricity rates for 3 years.				

eNRG Power Ltd.	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.40 ¢/kW.h with deposit 8.70 ¢/kW.h without	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$6.00/mo.	Available	ENMAX (Calgary) customers only	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers. Electronic billing only.				

Link Energy	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.55 ¢/kW.h with deposit 8.65 ¢/kW.h without	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$6.00/mo.	Available	ENMAX and ATCO Electric Customers only	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers.				

Milner Power	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	9.00 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.00/mo.	Available	Primarily serving Grande Cache, available to ENMAX, FortisAlberta and ATCO Electric customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers.				

Mountain View Power	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.88 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.75/mo.	Available	FortisAlberta customers only	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers. This company uses electronic billings only. Mountain View Power is owned by the Olds Institute and supports local initiatives.				

NewGen Energy	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.50 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.50/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers.				

Northern Lights Energy and Power	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.55 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$6.00/mo.	Available	ATCO Electric and FortisAlberta customers only	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers.				

Peace Power	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.55 ¢/kW.h with deposit 8.85 ¢/kW.h without	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.95/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers. Peace Power has committed to return 10% of it's profits to community projects.				

Spark	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.45 ¢/kW.h with deposit 8.60 ¢/kW.h without	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.75/mo.	Available	ATCO Electric, FortisAlberta and Epcor customers only	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers.				

Sponsor Energy	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.39 ¢/kW.h with deposit 8.59 ¢/kW.h without	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$6.25/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers.				

Spot Power	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.35 ¢/kW.h with deposit 8.50 ¢/kW.h without	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$5.90/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers.				

Vector Energy	Three Year Fixed Price			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.90 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	N/A	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$7.00/mo.	Available	Alberta wide, not including REA customers	
Comments: This electricity only plan provides bare bones price protection for consumers.				

Dual Fuel Plans

Direct Energy	Super Flex Dual Fuel			☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.59¢/kW.h	Gas Price	Market plus \$2.00/GJ	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$9.00/mo. for both	Available	Alberta wide	
Comments: This dual fuel plan saves \$108 per year in administration fees, but the premium on natural gas over market is likely more than that for most customers.				

Direct Energy	Super Flex Plus Dual Fuel			☆☆☆
Electricity Price	10% off RRO for 6 months, then 8.59 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	Market plus \$2.00/GJ	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	3 years	
Admin Fee	\$9.00/mo. for both	Available	Alberta wide	
Comments: The offer of 10% off the RRO for six months may cost more than the fixed rate that is offered in the Super Flex Dual Fuel plan. The gas rate is higher than the regulated rate for gas without providing any more price protection.				

Just Energy Alberta L.P.	5 Year Price Protection Program			☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.39 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	\$5.39/GJ	
Early Exit Fee	Yes	Term	5 years	
Admin Fee	\$6.90/mo.	Available	Alberta wide	
Comments: This program provides long term price protection to consumers at a reasonable rate. The program is more restrictive than competitive programs and has provisions for early exit fees under some scenarios.				

ENMAX Energy	Easy Max Gas and Electricity Bundles			☆☆☆☆☆
Electricity Price	8.90 ¢/kW.h or Market plus 1.0 ¢/kW.h	Gas Price	\$5.99/GJ or Market plus \$0.99/GJ	Top 3 Residential Energy Plan
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	5 years	
Admin Fee	\$7.10/mo.	Available	Alberta wide	

Comments: The Easy Max electricity rate can be locked in for 5 years, but the contract can be cancelled with one month's notice. This gives consumers a good option for long term protection without being stuck if prices drop significantly at any point. The floating natural gas rate is reasonably close to the regulated rate. The EasyMax 5 Year Fixed Electricity and Floating Gas Rate Bundle is recommended for consumers wanting long term electricity price protection.

Natural Gas Price Plans

Direct Energy	Super Flex Natural Gas			☆
Electricity Price	N/A	Gas Price	Market plus \$2.00/GJ	
Early Exit Fee	No	Term	N/A	
Admin Fee	\$9.00/mo.	Available	Alberta wide	
Comments: This gas only plan provides no more price protection than the regulated rate for natural gas at a higher price. Not recommended.				

Fixed Monthly Bill Programs

Just Energy Alberta L.P.	5 Year Predict a Bill Program			☆☆
Electricity Price	\$64.99/mo. (up to 8,000 kW.h or 9.74 ¢/kW.h min)	Gas Price	\$44.99/mo. (up to 140 GJ or \$3.86/GJ)	
Early Exit Fee	Yes	Term	5 years	
Admin Fee	\$6.90/mo.	Available	Alberta wide	

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Just Energy Alberta L.P.	5 Year Predict a Bill Plus Program			☆☆☆
Electricity Price	\$79.99/mo. (up to 11,000 kW.h or 8.7 ¢/kW.h min)	Gas Price	\$64.99/mo. (up to 200 GJ or \$3.90/GJ)	
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Brighter Futures Energy Inc.	brighterfutureenergy.com	1-877-244-7294 ext. 123
Camrose Energy	camroseenergy.ca	1-877-244-7294 ext. 123
Direct Energy	directenergy.com	1-866-374-6299
ENMAX Energy Corp.	enmax.com	1-877-571-7111
ENRG Power Ltd.	enrgpower.ca	1-877-244-7294
Just Energy Alberta	justenergy.com	1-877-687-1810
Link Energy	link-energy.com	1-877-244-7294 ext. 102
Milner Power Inc.	milnerpower.net	1-877-244-7294
Mountain View Power	mountainviewpower.com	1-877-244-7294 ext. 123
NewGen Energy	newgen-energy.com	1-877-244-7294 ext. 123
Northern Lights Energy and Power	northernlightseap.ca	1-877-244-7294 ext. 123
Peace Power	peacepower.ca	1-877-244-7294 ext. 123
Spark	SparkYourPower.ca	1-877-244-7294 ext. 123
Sponsor Energy	sponsorenergy.com	1-855-545-1160
Spot Power	SpotPower.net	1-877-244-7294 ext. 200
Vector Energy	vectorenergy.ca	1-877-244-7294 ext. 123
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