

Natural Gas Contract Summary

The County's consultant, Tradition Energy, sent offer requests from several natural gas suppliers. The offers were received and are attached in the Index.

The County's current contract with Symmetry, expiring October 31, is an Index Contract tied to the Houston Ship Channel with an Index Adder of \$0.73/Dth. Recent billing reflects an average cost of \$4.41/Dth.

Two options were considered:

- **Fixed Price:** Lock in a rate between \$4.634/Dth (12-month term) and \$5.025/Dth (60-month term).
- **Index Price:** Remain on an index-based contract with adders ranging from \$0.53/Dth (12-month term) to \$1.045/Dth (60-month term).

The recommendation is to award a new 48-month Index Contract, renewal options are every 12 months only upon approval of the County, with ProEnergy at an Index Adder of \$0.52/Dth, which is 29% lower than the current Symmetry rate. This contract is projected to generate an annual savings and provides flexibility to convert to a fixed rate in the future if needed. ProEnergy is a proven, reliable supplier currently serving Harris County.