

# **AGENDA**

Special Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

**THURSDAY, February 21, 2013**

**7:00 p.m. Call to Order**

- I.     CALL TO ORDER**
- II.    APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- III.   MANAGER'S REPORT**
- IV.    PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
- V.     LEGISLATION AND POLICY**

**13 – 023**   To hear a report from the Town Manager re: Gas Main Proposals and to act on a proposed resolution.

- VI.    NEW BUSINESS**
- VII.   ADJOURNMENT**

<b>Cumberland</b>	<b>Falmouth</b>	<b>Yarmouth</b>
Bill Shane	Nathan Poore	Nat Tupper

## NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION PIPELINE & UTILITY SERVICE

### Presentation of Proposals

Thursday, February 21, 2013

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### WHAT IS NATURAL GAS?

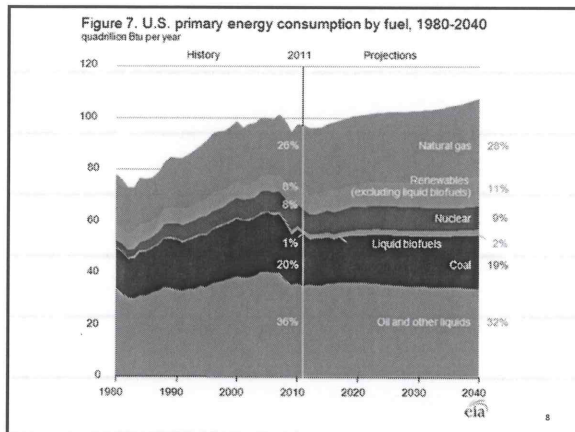
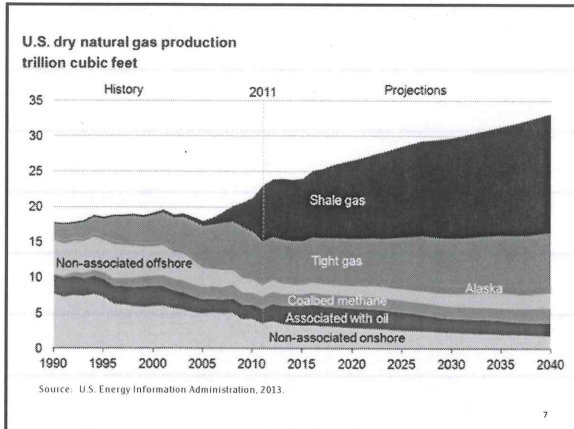
- Organic material (decayed matter from plants and animals) buried under rock
- Pressure and heat change organic material to fuel sources like coal, petroleum and natural gas
- The main ingredient in natural gas is methane – byproducts are butane and propane
- Because natural gas is colorless, odorless and tasteless, a chemical is added before distribution to give it a sulfur-like smell so that it may be detected in the atmosphere

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### WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

- Most of the natural gas consumed in the U.S. is produced here
- In 2011, 90% of imports came by pipeline from Canada and 10% LNG tankers
- 1.5 million miles of mainline and service lines throughout the U.S.
- Delivered more than 24 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in 2010 to 71 million customers

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## OTHER METHODS

- "Unconventional" sources of natural gas – coalbed, "tight" gas, and shale gas
- Horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing are used to produce natural gas from Shale "plays"
- Over the past decade, these processes have produced large volumes of shale gas that were previously uneconomical to access
- As of September 2012, U.S. shale gas production contributed about 35% of total U.S. dry production
- Almost all projected increase in domestic natural gas production is due to growth in shale gas

## COST OF NATURAL GAS

- The price that residential consumers pay for natural gas has two main parts – the commodity cost and the distribution cost
- Commodity is the cost of the natural gas itself (wellhead cost – standard rate)
- Distribution is the cost to move natural gas by pipeline from local gas company to the customer (varies by gas company)

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### U.S. Natural Gas Wellhead and Residential Prices

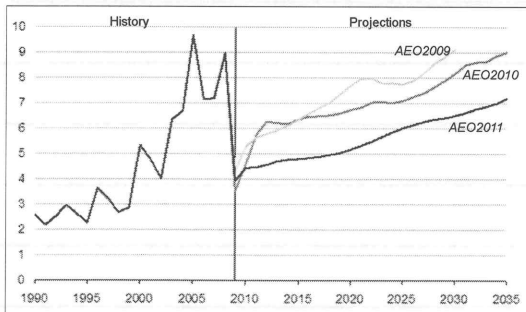
dollars per thousand cubic feet 1 Mcf = 1 Dth



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, June 2012.

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Natural gas price projections are significantly lower than past years due to an expanded shale gas resource base

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2011.  
Historical based on Henry Hub spot price – 2009 dollars per mmbtu

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### THREE TOWN RFP

- Sept. 2011 – Managers invite gas companies to meet – Unitil, Maine Natural Gas, Summit
- Dec. 2011 – retained consultants to model financials
- Presented findings to joint meeting of Councils
- October 2012 – RFP issued to three utilities
- January 25, 2013 – proposals received from MNG & Summit
- February 21, 2013 – Managers make recommendation to Councils

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### PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

- **33% Previous Experience**
  - Includes corporate structure, service of similar communities, marketing, safety and reliability, customer service, public outreach and related considerations
- **33 % Saturation Plan**
- **33% Pricing Structure**
  - Includes capacity to serve, construction schedule and related considerations

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### PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

#### Maine Natural Gas

(Pages 5-8)

##### Corporate Structure

- Owned by Iberdrola
- 14 Years
- Office in Brunswick
- Maine management team – VP Gas Operations, VP MNG, Lead Engineer, Gas Operations Supervisor

#### Summit Natural Gas

(Pages 5-8)

##### Corporate Structure

- Owned by JP Morgan IIF
- 15 years
- Office in Augusta – will open local district office
- Maine management team – State Operations Manager, Bus. Development Director and Regulatory Manager

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE	
Maine Natural Gas (Page 15)	Summit Natural Gas (Page 31-33)
<b>Public Outreach</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resources to communicate with and recruit customers</li> <li>Work closely with Town officials to offer forums, meetings and newsletters and educational campaigns</li> </ul>	<b>Public Outreach</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public meetings, door-to-door marketing, distribution of printed materials</li> <li>Member of PAPA &amp; PHMSA</li> <li>Natural gas price projection</li> <li>Local marketing firm</li> </ul>

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE	
Maine Natural Gas (Pages 11, 15)	Summit Natural Gas (Page 11-12)
<b>Safety</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systems comprised of coated steel and MDPE and HDPE pipe</li> <li>Safety/orientation training with emergency personnel</li> </ul>	<b>Safety</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple in-house safety programs and manuals</li> <li>Total recordable incidence rate 1.39 compared to 4.21 industry average</li> <li>Training for local emergency personnel</li> <li>Local Operator Qualification program</li> </ul>

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SATURATION PLAN	
Maine Natural Gas (Page 14)	Summit Natural Gas (Pages 21-22)
<b>64% Saturation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within 5 years - assumes 100% of commercial buildings &amp; 80% of residences</li> <li>6,000 Customers</li> </ul>	<b>86 % Saturation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within 5 years</li> <li>7,659 customers</li> </ul> <b>95% Saturation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within 8 years</li> <li>9,150 customers</li> </ul>

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## TIMELINE

Maine Natural Gas (Pages 11-12, 16)	Summit Natural Gas (Pages 15, 21)
<b>PUC Process</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently hold authority to furnish service in this area</li> <li>Require PUC approval for rate structure (6-12 months)</li> </ul>	<b>PUC Process</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require PUC approval to serve as a second utility in this area (3-4 months)</li> <li>Rate structure already approved by PUC</li> </ul>
<b>Construction Schedule</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin construction Q2 2014</li> <li>Continue installation of lateral mains through 2017</li> </ul>	<b>Construction Schedule</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin construction Q2 2014</li> <li>Mainline complete &amp; 86% saturation by Q3 2017</li> </ul>

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## PRICING STRUCTURE

Maine Natural Gas (Pages 16)	Summit Natural Gas (Pages 24-26, 29)
<b>Rate Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires approval by PUC</li> <li>Guaranteed for five years</li> <li>No annual adjustments proposed</li> <li>Includes customer charge, delivery and construction allowance</li> </ul>	<b>Rate Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved by PUC</li> <li>Effective through 12/31/22</li> <li>4% annual adjustment maximum</li> <li>Includes customer charge, delivery and construction allowance</li> </ul>

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## PRICING STRUCTURE

(AS PROPOSED)

Maine Natural Gas (Page 17)	Summit Natural Gas (Pages 25, 29)
<b>Distribution Costs*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential \$13.02/Dth</li> <li>Commercial \$8.69/Dth</li> </ul>	<b>Distribution Costs*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential \$8.50/Dth</li> <li>Sm Commercial \$7.50/Dth</li> <li>Lg Commercial \$5.50/Dth</li> </ul>
<b>Monthly Charge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential \$24.34/month</li> <li>Commercial \$34.77/month</li> </ul>	<b>Monthly Charge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential \$20/month</li> <li>Sm Commercial \$33/month</li> <li>Lg Commercial \$285/month</li> </ul>

\*Costs include monthly charge and 80% TIF

\*Costs do not include monthly charge or TIF

## RESIDENTIAL SAVINGS

Fuel	Cost/ unit	Units/ year	Total Cost
Natural Gas (Summit)	\$16.50/Dth	120Dth	\$1,980
Oil (depending on system efficiency, 870 gallons of heating fuel is equivalent to 120Dth)	\$3.75/gal	870 Gallons	\$3,263
Savings			\$1,283

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## RESIDENTIAL SAVINGS

Fuel	Cost/ unit	Units/ year	Total Cost
Natural Gas (MNG)	\$20.65/Dth	120Dth	\$2,478
Oil (depending on system efficiency, 870 gallons of heating fuel is equivalent to 120Dth)	\$3.75/gal	870 Gallons	\$3,263
Savings			\$785

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## EVALUATION SUMMARY

Criteria	Maine Natural Gas	Summit Natural Gas
Experience (As a utility)	X	
Experience (With similar projects/communities and business plan supporting expansion in Maine)		X
Saturation		X
Pricing		X

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUMBERLAND**, that the Town Council hereby endorses the proposal of Summit Natural Gas of Maine as the preferred provider of natural gas service in the Town of Cumberland.

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**DATE ENACTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Read and Adopted by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Vote**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:**

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**Read and Adopted by** 60 **Vote**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:**

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Gilling  
Thomas J. J.  
Shirley Storey-King

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George S. Turner

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