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Natural gas sales

May 2007 (preliminary)

Cooler than normal temperatures in most regions of the country led to moderate increases in natural gas sales in the residential and commercial sectors in May.

Higher volumes of sales in both residential (+8.0%) and commercial sectors (+4.3%) led the way in May, followed by a slight gain of 0.4% in the industrial sector's sales (including direct sales).

Natural gas sales totalled 4 658 million cubic metres, up 2.2% from May 2006.

On a year-to-date basis, sales at the end of May were up 8.3% from the same five-month period in 2006 in the wake of across-the-board increases in all sectors.

The volume of sales to the industrial sector (including direct sales) has risen 6.2% so far in 2007, while sales have increased 10.4% in the residential sector and 10.7% in the commercial sector.

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Natural gas sales

	May 2007 ^P	May 2006	May 2006 to May 2007
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total sales	4 658 138	4 558 125	2.2
Residential	838 116	775 995	8.0
Commercial	618 225	592 981	4.3
Industrial and direct	3 201 797	3 189 149	0.4
	Year-to-date		
	2007 ^P	2006	2006 to 2007
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total sales	36 047 454	33 277 737	8.3
Residential	10 356 321	9 377 088	10.4
Commercial	7 381 669	6 668 026	10.7
Industrial and direct	18 309 464	17 232 623	6.2

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