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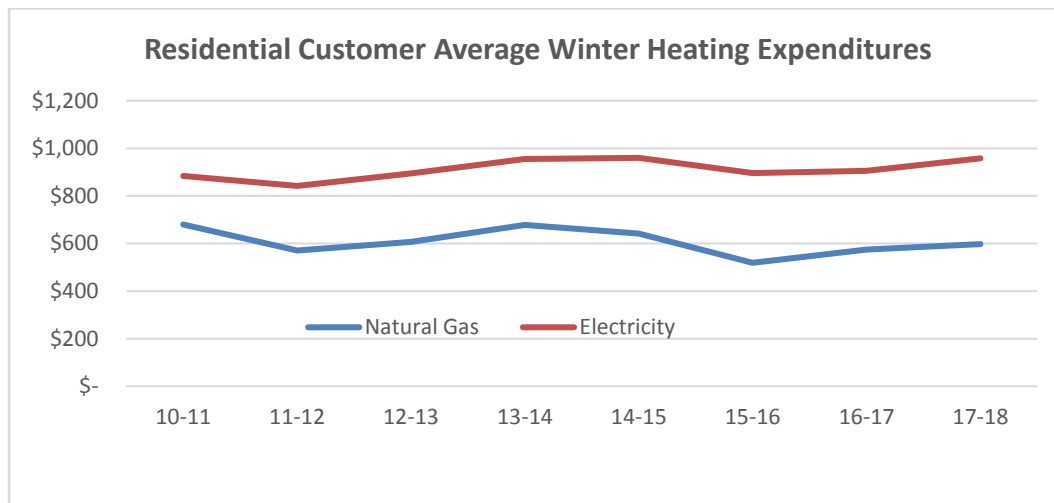
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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS’ WINTER UTILITY BILLS

Findings

- For the past eight winter heating seasons, bills for natural gas households on average were lower than those for electric only households, according to the Energy Information Administration.
- Electric only household winter bills followed a similar pattern to gas households in that winter temperatures impacted energy usage and thus average heating bills.
- The average consumer expenditure for a natural gas home increased slightly during the 2017-2018 winter, compared to the prior winter, driven by a higher average energy price while consumption remained at nearly the same level as the previous year.
- AGA’s estimate of a 5 percent increase in 2017-18 winter heating season bills closely matches EIA’s March 2018 Short-term Energy Outlook estimate.
- Looking at the past eight winters, average winter residential natural gas home heating bills ranged from \$519 in 2015/16 to \$680 in 2010/11. During the same period, average electric home heating bills ranged from \$842 in 2010/11 to \$960 in 2014/15.



Average Residential Winter Space Heating Bills (2010 – 2018)								
	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
Natural Gas	\$ 680	\$ 571	\$ 607	\$ 678	\$ 642	\$ 519	\$ 575	\$ 597
Electricity	\$ 884	\$ 842	\$ 895	\$ 955	\$ 960	\$ 896	\$ 906	\$ 958

*Winter covers the period October 1 through March 31.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Short-Term Energy Outlook, March 2018

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