Findings

- Over the past 21 years use per commercial natural gas customer has declined 13 percent.

- Until recently this decline was gradual; however, for 2012 and 2013 a departure from the steady decline was noted. These two years may reflect greater economic volatility or may just be simply outliers.

- Once the weather impacts are removed (normalization), the remaining decline shows overall market energy efficiency gains.

- The average annual decline is 0.60 percent per customer.

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