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Gas rates revision, etc.

Today, Toho Gas Co., Ltd. notified the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of changes in its service agreements, etc., effective on April 1, 2012. The main change is a reduction averaging 1.20 percent (relative to the existing levels) in our gas rates for the entire small-volume segment encompassing both service and optional agreements.

We have revised our gas rates every several years, in order to pass on to customers the benefits of cutting fixed costs achieved through business efficiencies. The reductions announced today are implemented in order to return the results of management efforts since the previous revision (March 2008), together with the expected management efforts in the future.

Uncertainty in outlook of economy in our service region and environmental change surrounding energy market have all produced a harsh business climate of Toho Gas. Under these circumstances, Toho Gas will do its utmost to be deserving of the trust of all stakeholders including customers and local society, by streamlining business, diffusing environmental-friendly natural gas, realizing stable supply, strengthening safety and security, and improving customer services.

< Gas rates in service agreement (April, 2012) >

Gas rates for customers using 31cubic meters per month (amount of average use in residential sector) in April will be 6,409 yen (tax-inclusive), lowered by 62 yen relative to the existing levels (6,471 yen, tax-inclusive).