

**Table 4.8. Average Quality and Weighted Average Cost of Fossil Fuels for the Electric Power Industry, 1996 through 2007**

Period	Coal								Petroleum		Natural Gas		Total Fossil Fuels	
	Bituminous		Subbituminous		Lignite		All Rank		Receipts (trillion Btu)	Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)	Receipts (trillion Btu)	Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)	Receipts (trillion Btu)	Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)
	Receipts (trillion Btu)	Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)	Receipts (trillion Btu)	Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)	Receipts (trillion Btu)	Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)	Receipts (trillion Btu)	Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)						
1996.....	10,940	137	5,738	120	1,018	94	17,707	129	713	303	2,649	264	21,069	152
1997.....	11,203	135	5,885	119	997	93	18,096	127	810	273	2,818	276	21,724	152
1998.....	11,510	135	6,520	113	999	94	19,036	125	1,140	202	2,986	238	23,162	144
1999.....	10,722	131	6,740	110	996	93	18,461	122	916	236	2,862	257	22,238	144
2000.....	9,050	130	5,991	108	947	94	15,988	120	681	418	2,682	430	19,351	174
2001.....	8,312	139	6,134	104	839	109	15,286	123	783	369	2,209	449	18,278	173
2002.....	9,932	142	6,878	105	851	104	17,982	125	751	334	5,750	356	24,483	186
2003.....	10,543	144	7,598	110	1,026	103	19,990	128	1,146	433	5,663	539	26,799	228
2004.....	10,538	156	7,817	112	1,012	106	20,189	136	1,155	429	5,891	596	27,234	248
2005.....	10,833	184	8,004	119	1,008	107	20,647	154	1,198	644	6,357	821	28,202	325
2006.....	11,129	204	8,842	131	982	115	21,735	169	610	623	6,856	694	29,201	302
2007.....	10,580	208	8,826	145	925	128	21,152	177	536	717	7,396	711	29,085	323

Note: Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Sources: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-423, "Monthly Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants Report;" Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC Form 423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants."