

Table 3.8. Weighted Average Cost of Fossil Fuels for the Electric Power Industry, 1999 through 2010

Year	Coal														Total Fossil Fuels Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)
	Bituminous		Subbituminous		Lignite		All Coal Ranks		Petroleum		Natural Gas		Total Fossil Fuels		
	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)	
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	
2008	11,110	250	9,087	162	896	141	21,280	207	575	1,087	8,089	902	29,945	411	
2009	10,010	275	8,421	164	835	158	19,438	221	528	702	8,319	474	28,285	304	
2010	9,652	281	8,545	173	925	162	19,290	227	445	954	8,867	509	28,602	326	

Notes: • Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. • Beginning in 2008 with the Form EIA-923, receipts, cost, and quality data are imputed for plants between 1 and 50 MW, in addition to the data collected from plants above the 50 MW threshold. Therefore, there may be a notable increase in fuel receipts beginning with 2008 data.

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report" and predecessor form(s) including Form EIA-423, "Monthly Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants Report" and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), FERC Form 423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants."