Impact of Projected Prices On Low-Income Energy Bills for 2006

EIA STEO for September, 2005 and RECS for 2001 data bases

SHORT-TERM MARKET CONDITIONS

SUPPLY

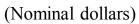
- Inventories at or above average levels for all major fuels
- Imports of fuel oil and propane are making up for Katrina and Rita
- Natural Gas shortfalls in hurricane-related production are hard to replace

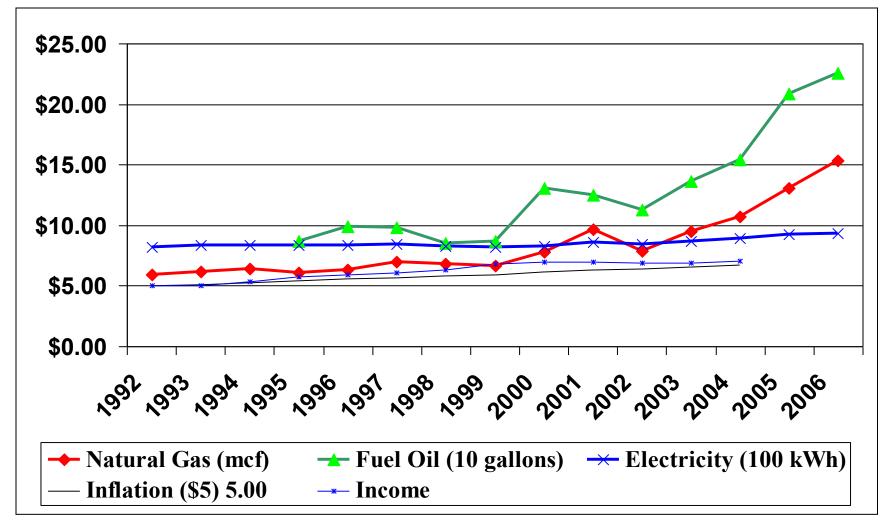
DEMAND

- Normal weather will increase demand
- Consumers of fuel and propane now compete with European demand
- Natural gas demand is highly dependent on industrial and power generation growth

RATE OF INCREASE IN RESIDENTIAL ENERGY PRICES BY FUEL TYPE

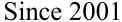
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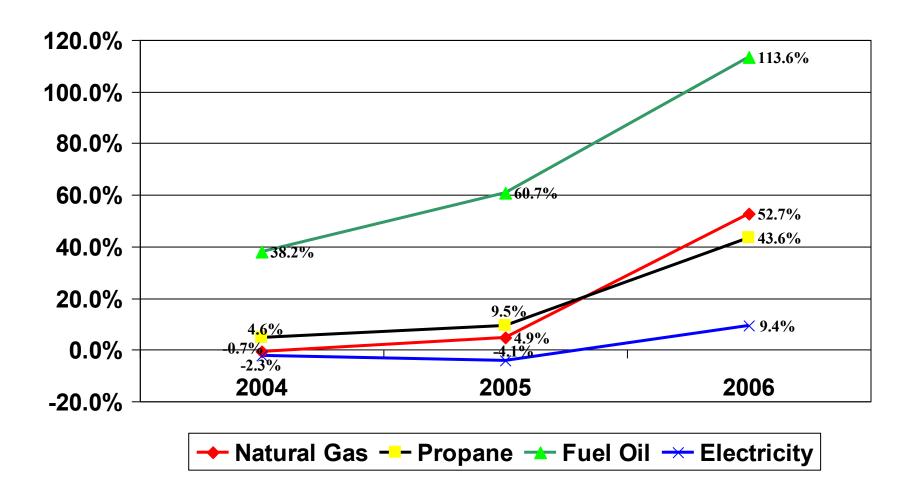




Sources: DOE/EIA Short Term Energy Outlook, September 2005, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of the Census

RATE OF INCREASE IN HEATING BILLS FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS BY FUEL TYPE

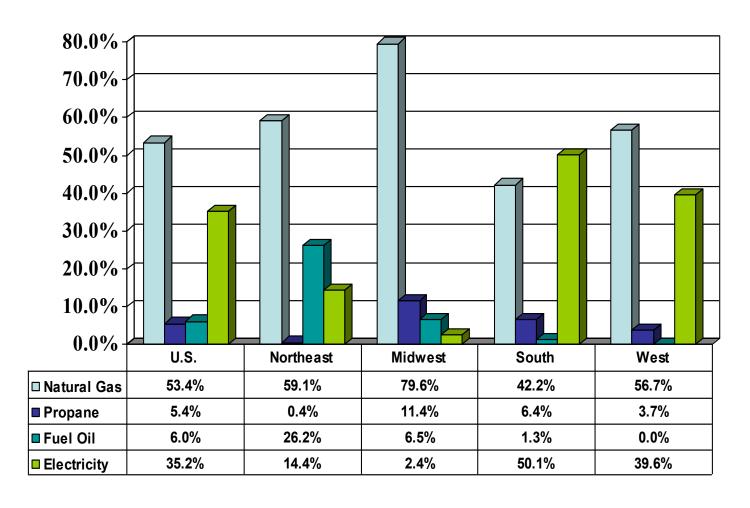




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PRIMARY HEATING FUEL FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

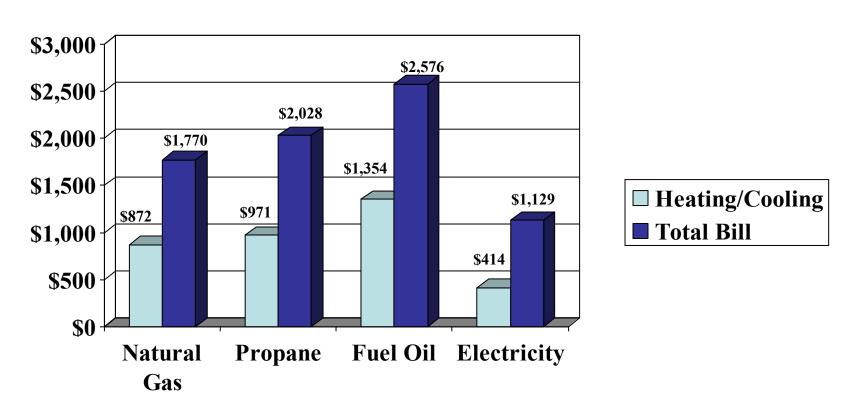
Percent Of Households At Or Below 150% of Poverty By Region



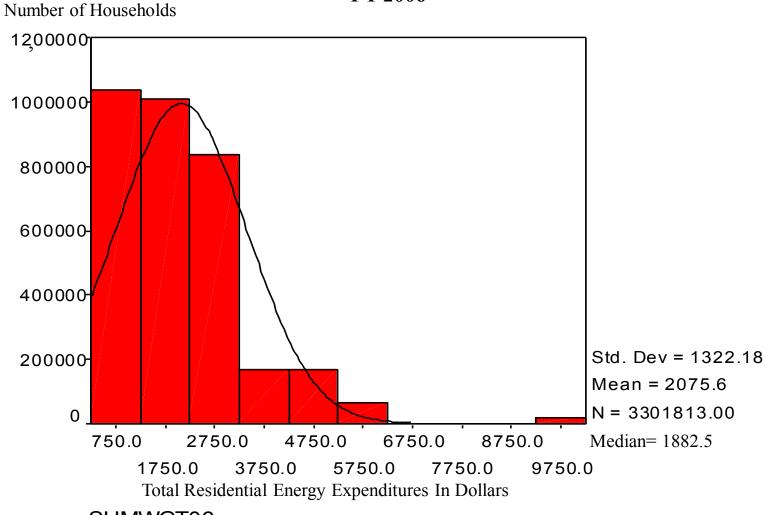
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EXPECTED EXPENDITURES FOR 2005-2006 Low-Income Households

By Primary Heating Fuel



DISTRIBUTION OF LOW-INCOME EXPENDITURES FOR HOUSEHOLDS HEATING WITH GAS IN THE MIDWEST FY 2006



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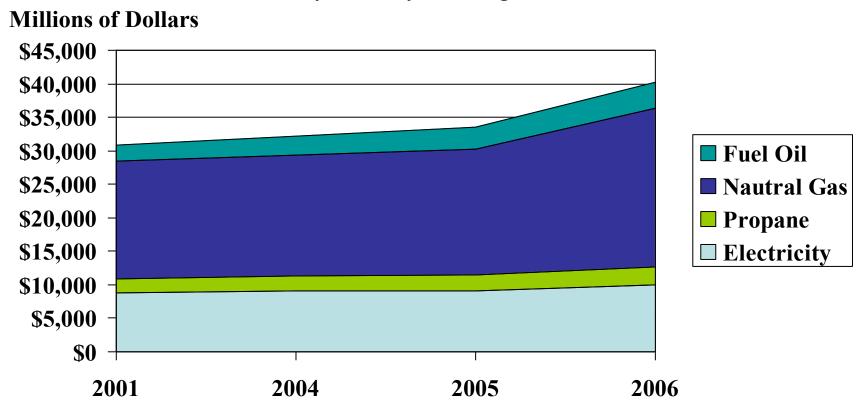
Cases weighted by NWEIGHT

Source: ORNL Tabulation

AGGREGATE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EXPENDITURES BY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

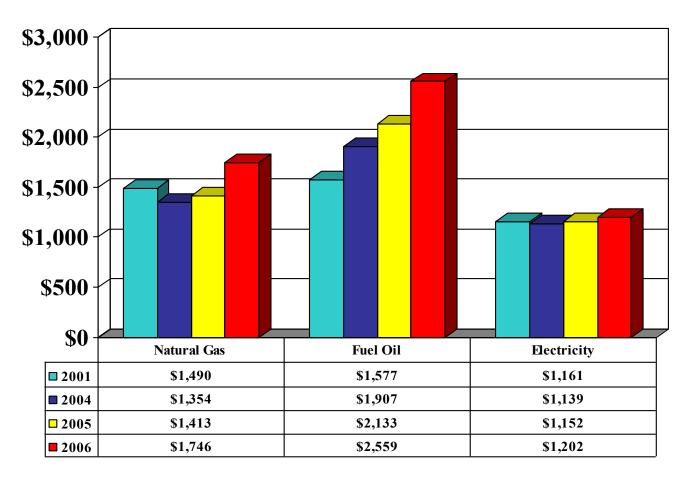
AT OR BELOW 150% OF POVERTY LEVEL

By Primary Heating Fuel



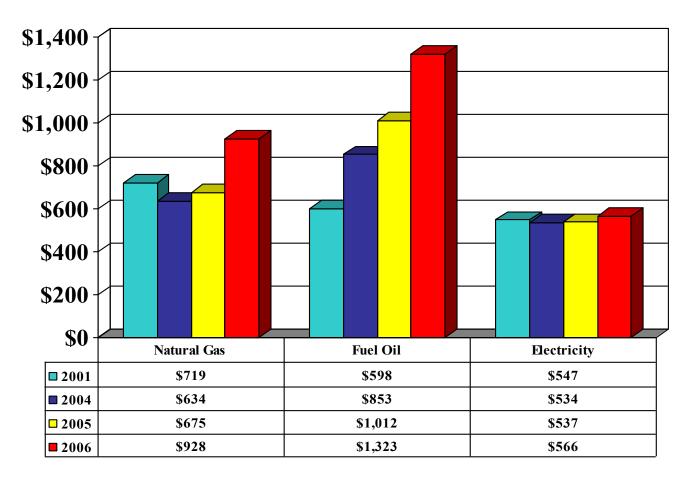
PROJECTED TOTAL RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EXPENDITURES FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS By Primary Heating Fuel

NORTHEAST



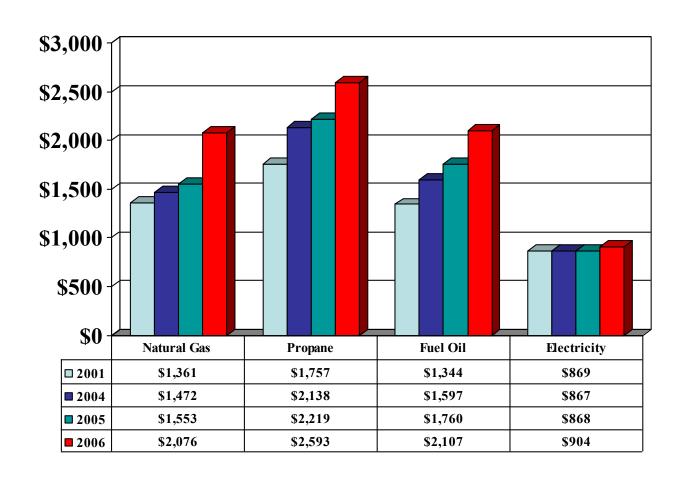
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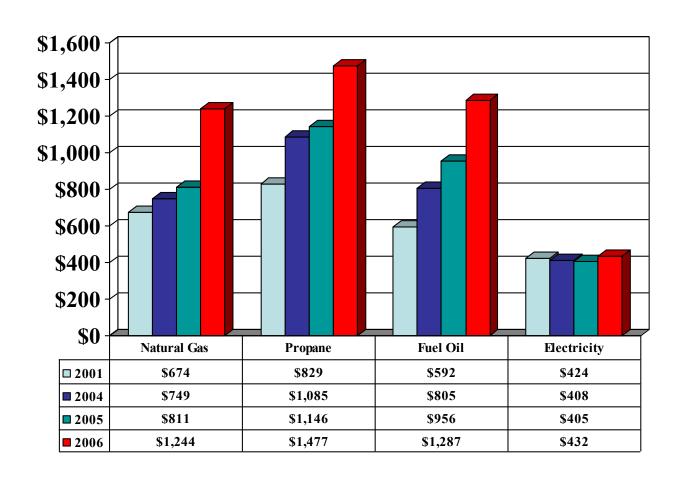
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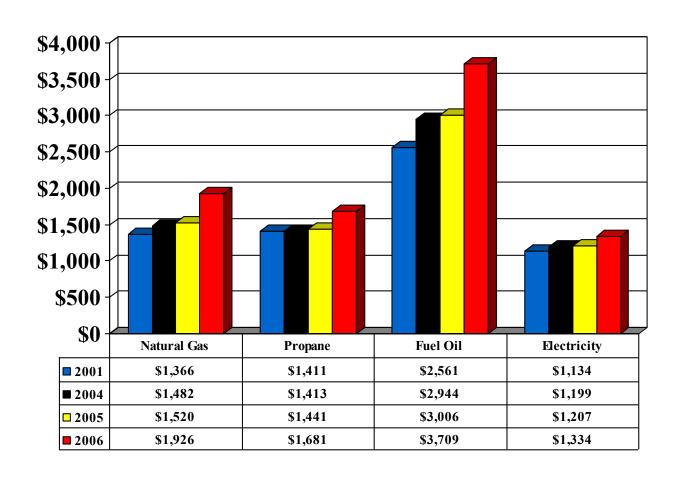
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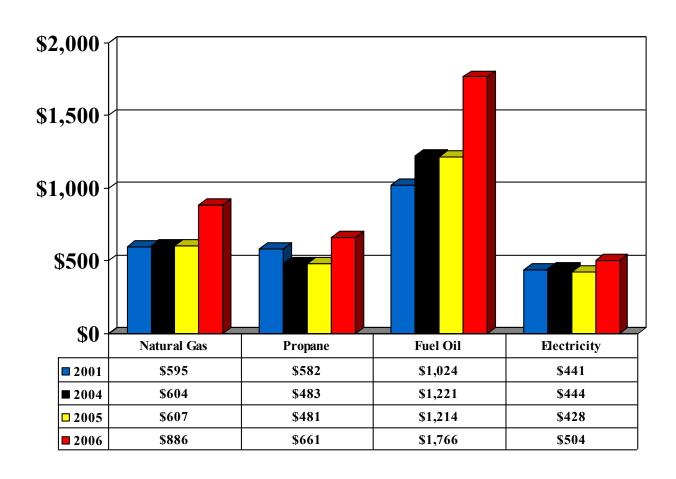
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SOUTH



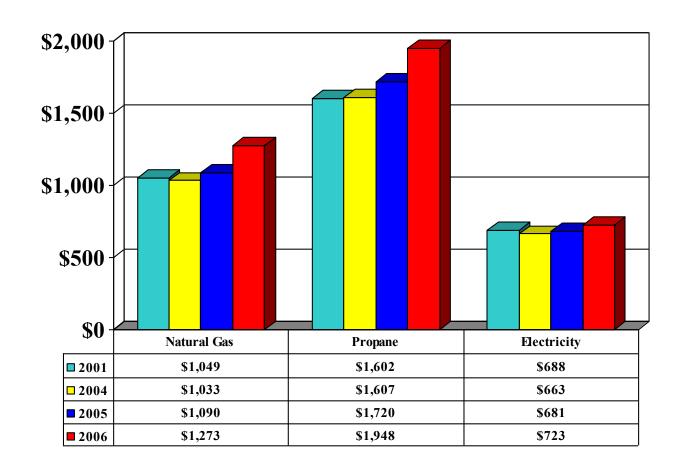
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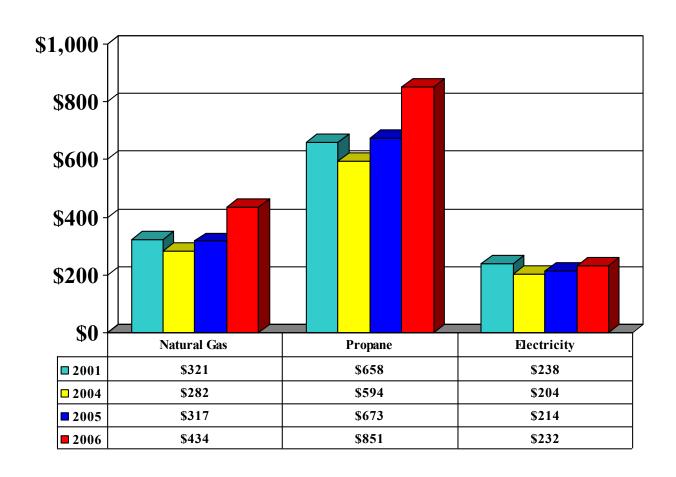
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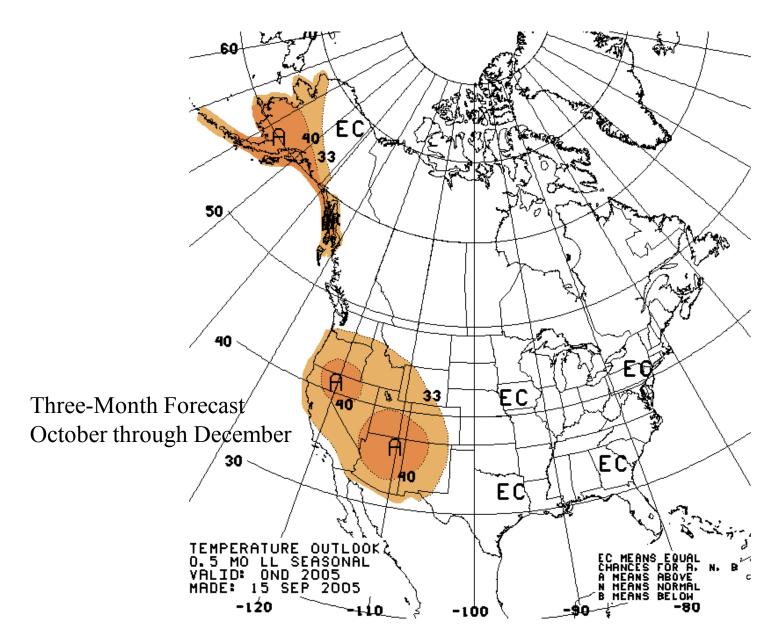
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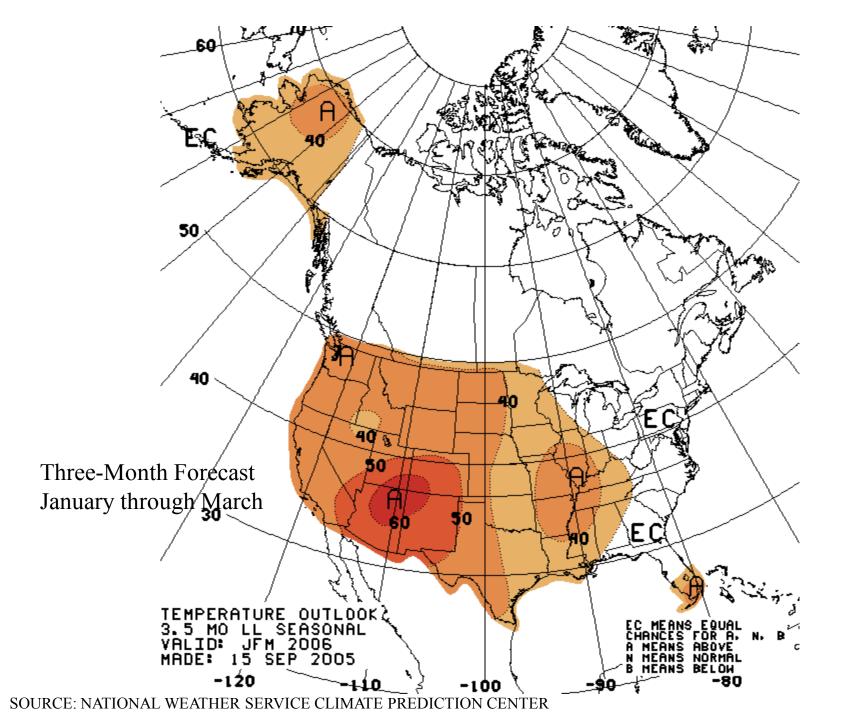


By Primary Heating Fuel

WEST







HISTORY OF MIDWINTER NATURAL GAS COMMODITY PRICE

Price Trend For January 06 Futures Contract



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