

## ***How Much Could Gas Costs Increase for New York Drivers This Spring Because of the Oxygenate Requirement?***

If New York does not receive an oxygenate waiver from the Environmental Protection Agency, experts believe that come April, when gas suppliers must switch to new fuel blends in preparation for higher summer temperatures, gas supplies across the state will fall far short of increasing demand. This market imbalance could cause a short term gas price spike of at least 30 cents per gallon and lasts for approximately one month according to the Department of Energy’s Energy Information Administration. ***For a county-by-county breakdown of how this price spike would affect monthly gas bills for New York drivers, please see the following report.***

***The Capital Region: A 30-cent gas price spike would raise the average monthly gas bill for a Capital Region driver by \$17 and cost area motorists a total of \$11.7 million.***

| <b>County</b>         | <b>Licensed Drivers</b> | <b>Individual Gas Bill Increase Per Month</b> | <b>Total Gas Expenditure</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Albany                | 193,761                 | \$21  | \$4.1 million                |
| Rensselaer            | 106,366                 | \$16  | \$1.7 million                |
| Schenectady           | 111,385                 | \$14  | \$1.5 million                |
| Saratoga              | 152,001                 | \$14  | \$2.2 million                |
| Fulton                | 39,698                  | \$14  | \$571,000                    |
| Montgomery            | 35,831                  | \$24  | \$853,000                    |
| Schoharie             | 23,217                  | \$13  | \$299,000                    |
| Washington            | 42,671                  | \$12  | \$496,000                    |
| <b>Capital Region</b> | <b>704,940</b>          | <b>\$17</b>                                   | <b>\$11.7 million</b>        |

*Central New York: A 30-cent gas price spike would raise the average monthly gas bill for a Central New York driver by \$16 and cost area motorists a total of \$10 million.*

| <b>County</b>           | <b>Licensed Drivers</b> | <b>Individual Gas Bill Increase Per Month</b> | <b>Total Gas Expenditure</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Oneida                  | 160,946                 | \$16  | \$2.5 million                |
| Oswego                  | 85,701                  | \$16  | \$1.3 million                |
| Madison                 | 49,452                  | \$12  | \$583,000                    |
| Cortland                | 32,368                  | \$21  | \$682,000                    |
| Onondaga                | 315,615                 | \$16  | \$4.9 million                |
| <b>Central New York</b> | <b>644,082</b>          | <b>\$16</b>                                   | <b>\$10 million</b>          |

*Rochester and the Finger Lakes: A 30-cent gas price spike would raise the average monthly gas bill for a driver in Rochester and the Finger Lakes by \$15 and cost area motorists a total of \$13.3 million.*

| <b>County</b>       | <b>Licensed Drivers</b> | <b>Individual Gas Bill Increase Per Month</b> | <b>Total Gas Expenditure</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Cayuga              | 55,053                  | \$17  | \$928,000                    |
| Seneca              | 24,014                  | \$15  | \$370,000                    |
| Yates               | 16,926                  | \$12  | \$205,000                    |
| Ontario             | 74,169                  | \$21  | \$1.6 million                |
| Wayne               | 68,792                  | \$15  | \$1 million                  |
| Monroe              | 506,567                 | \$14  | \$7.2 million                |
| Livingston          | 44,787                  | \$21  | \$946,000                    |
| Schuyler            | 13,852                  | \$15  | \$208,000                    |
| Tompkins            | 59,624                  | \$14  | \$851,000                    |
| <b>Finger Lakes</b> | <b>863,784</b>          | <b>\$15</b>                                   | <b>\$13.3 million</b>        |

*The Hudson Valley: A 30-cent gas price spike would raise the average monthly gas bill for a*

*Hudson Valley driver by \$12 and cost area motorists a total of \$20.2 million.*

| <b>County</b>        | <b>Licensed Drivers</b> | <b>Individual Gas Bill Increase Per Month</b> | <b>Total Gas Expenditure</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Westchester          | 639,903                 | \$11  | \$6.9 million                |
| Rockland             | 205,530                 | \$7   | \$1.5 million                |
| Putnam               | 74,470                  | \$14  | \$1.1 million                |
| Dutchess             | 199,170                 | \$14  | \$2.8 million                |
| Ulster               | 128,890                 | \$15  | \$2 million                  |
| Sullivan             | 53,979                  | \$16  | \$888,000                    |
| Orange               | 229,115                 | \$15  | \$3.4 million                |
| Greene               | 36,334                  | \$19  | \$707,000                    |
| Columbia             | 46,805                  | \$20  | \$932,000                    |
| <b>Hudson Valley</b> | <b>1,614,237</b>        | <b>\$12</b>                                   | <b>\$20.2 million</b>        |

*The North Country: A 30-cent gas price spike would raise the average monthly gas bill for a North Country driver by \$16 and cost area motorists a total of \$6.2 million.*

| <b>County</b>        | <b>Licensed Drivers</b> | <b>Individual Gas Bill Increase Per Month</b> | <b>Total Gas Expenditure</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Warren               | 48,984                  | \$20  | \$972,000                    |
| Essex                | 27,946                  | \$17  | \$466,000                    |
| Clinton              | 53,882                  | \$18  | \$959,000                    |
| Franklin             | 33,645                  | \$13  | \$450,000                    |
| Hamilton             | 4,880                   | \$17  | \$83,000                     |
| Herkimer             | 45,747                  | \$17  | \$760,000                    |
| Jefferson            | 69,238                  | \$18  | \$1.2 million                |
| Lewis                | 19,484                  | \$15  | \$293,000                    |
| St Lawrence          | 74,512                  | \$14  | \$1 million                  |
| <b>North Country</b> | <b>378,318</b>          | <b>\$16</b>                                   | <b>\$6.2 million</b>         |

*The Southern Tier: A 30-cent gas price spike would raise the average monthly gas bill for a*

*Southern Tier driver by \$15 and cost area motorists a total of \$7.3 million.*

| <b>County</b>        | <b>Licensed Drivers</b> | <b>Individual Gas Bill Increase Per Month</b> | <b>Total Gas Expenditure</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Delaware             | 37,368                  | \$11  | \$417,000                    |
| Otsego               | 43,457                  | \$17  | \$728,000                    |
| Chenango             | 37,661                  | \$13  | \$476,000                    |
| Broome               | 142,360                 | \$18  | \$2.6 million                |
| Tioga                | 37,749                  | \$13  | \$493,000                    |
| Chemung              | 62,738                  | \$13  | \$794,000                    |
| Steuben              | 72,363                  | \$17  | \$1.3 million                |
| Allegany             | 32,763                  | \$16  | \$508,000                    |
| <b>Southern Tier</b> | <b>466,459</b>          | <b>\$15</b>                                   | <b>\$7.3 million</b>         |

*Western New York: A 30-cent gas price spike would raise the average monthly gas bill for a Western New York driver by \$14 and cost area motorists a total of \$15 million.*

| <b>County</b>           | <b>Licensed Drivers</b> | <b>Individual Gas Bill Increase Per Month</b> | <b>Total Gas Expenditure</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Orleans                 | 29,681                  | \$11  | \$335,000                    |
| Genesee                 | 44,178                  | \$35  | \$1.5 million                |
| Wyoming                 | 29,820                  | \$16  | \$469,000                    |
| Erie                    | 640,863                 | \$14  | \$9.3 million                |
| Niagara                 | 157,393                 | \$10  | \$1.6 million                |
| Cattaraugus             | 58,651                  | \$12  | \$718,000                    |
| Chautauqua              | 96,474                  | \$11  | \$1.1 million                |
| <b>Western New York</b> | <b>1,057,060</b>        | <b>\$14</b>                                   | <b>\$15 million</b>          |

*Sources: Analysis by Schumer's office based on data from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration.*