

News Flash – Government Levies 2011 in Belgium and the Netherlands

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DECEMBER 2010: The Belgian and Dutch governments have published their respective electricity and natural gas levies for the year 2011. As part of our efforts to keep you informed about energy cost developments we have highlighted the published levies in the tables below.

BELGIUM

Federal Charges in €/MWh before VAT

Electricity:

Charge type	2011	2010	2009
Market regulator cost recovery	0.1517	0.1359	0.1220
Denuclearization cost recovery ¹	2.3227	1.6925	0.8468
Green House Gas policy cost recovery ¹	1.2928	0.8443	0.4460
Social assistance cost recovery	0.4877	0.4546	0.3424
Maximum price cost recovery	0.8745	0.8269	0.7596
Electrical heating premium cost recovery	0.1354	0.1143	0.0818
Total Federal charges²	5.2648	4.0685	2.5986

¹ Exemption from these charges exists for end users who have contracted for 100% green energy.

² All amounts are before the application of the progressive exemption scales for large energy users, network operator- and supplier surcharges.

Natural gas:

Charge type	2011	2010	2009
Market regulator cost recovery	0.0240	0.0242	0.0249
Social assistance cost recovery	0.1105	0.1086	0.1098
Heating premium cost recovery	0.0165	0.0162	0.0164
Total Federal charge	0.1510	0.1490	0.1511
Surcharge protected customers	0.3506	0.1777	0.2415
Total Federal levies	0.5016	0.3267	0.3926

NETHERLANDS

Energy Taxes

Electricity in €/MWh before VAT:

Usage category	2011	2010	2009
0 – 10 MWh	112.10	111.40	108.50
10 – 50 MWh	40.80	40.60	39.80
50 – 10,000 MWh	10.90	10.80	10.60
> 10,000 MWh	0.50	0.50	0.50
Tax reduction per connection (€)	318.62	318.62	318.62

Natural gas in €/Nm³ before VAT:

Usage category	2011	2010	2009
0 – 5,000 Nm ³	0.1639	0.1629	0.1580
5,000 – 170,000 Nm ³	0.1419	0.1411	0.1385
170,000 – 1,000,000 Nm ³	0.0393	0.0391	0.0384
1,000,000 – 10,000,000 Nm ³	0.0125	0.0124	0.0122
> 10,000,000 Nm ³	0.0082	0.0082	0.0080