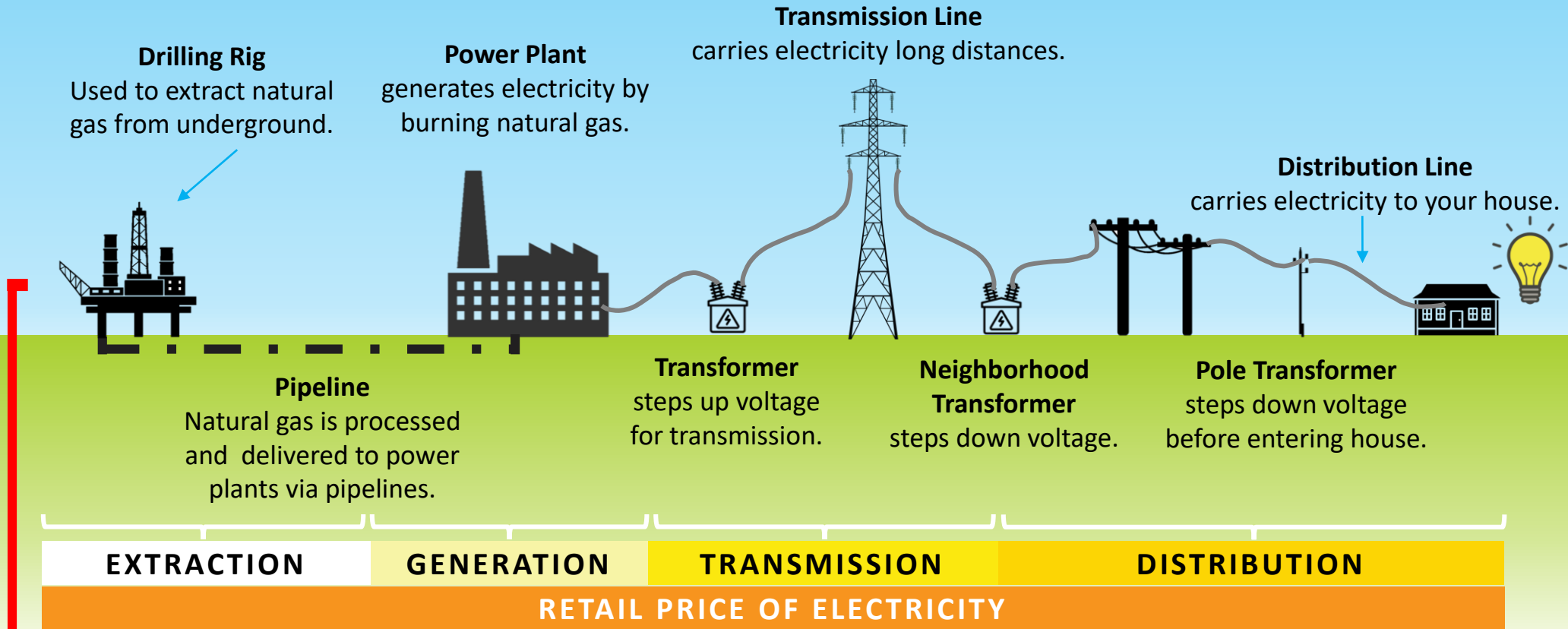


How Natural Gas Becomes Electricity In Your Home



Natural Gas Prices Have More Than Doubled in the Last Year

Florida's electric utilities use natural gas to generate the majority of the state's electricity because it is reliable, efficient, and a relatively clean fuel source. Fuel is a cost that is passed on to the customer as a specific line item on our bills, separate from the base rate, and called the **Power Cost Adjustment (PCA)**. When the fuel price increases, the PCA increases.

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority does not profit from the sale of electricity or any utility service. The increased price of natural gas has required that we increase the PCA until the price of natural gas goes back down. We are revisiting this price with our governing board every two weeks to ensure the most flexibility and the fastest possible return to lower prices. Unfortunately, we expect the prices to remain high until the U.S. and global markets can increase natural gas production or customer demand decreases.

This is a nationwide problem. Please know we are doing everything we can to manage our costs. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we adapt together.