

Gazprom Tells Ukraine No

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KIEV — Russia insists on sticking to its current gas supply agreement with Ukraine, Gazprom head Alexei Miller said Wednesday.

"We are working strictly in line with the contract, strictly in line with this volume," Miller told reporters after a Russian government delegation led by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev held talks with the Ukrainian government in Kiev.

Moscow has said it will cut the price for Ukraine only if Gazprom is allowed to buy into Ukrainian gas pipelines. Ukraine has so far refused to accept the trade-off. Monthly gas bills, which sometimes reach \$1 billion, have stretched the finances of Ukraine state energy company Naftogaz and the state, prompting them to borrow, sometimes from Gazprom.

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