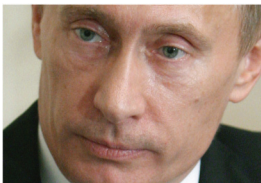


# Key players in Russia-Ukraine energy dispute

Russia faces a heavy cost for its gas feud with Ukraine – its reputation as a reliable European trading partner, legal action over the disruption that has left millions of people in 15 European countries with severe gas shortages, and shrinking revenue from plunging energy prices



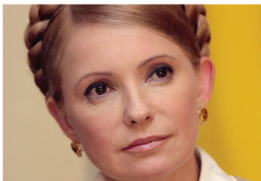
**Vladimir Putin:** Between 2000-08 Russia's former President built up monetary reserves of \$650 billion. Fall in oil price from \$147 a barrel in July to below \$50 has slashed reserves to \$438 billion, economy is expected to fall by 2-3%



**Gazprom:** World's biggest natural-gas producer sells 30% of its gas to Europe. Russian state-owned company's market value has fallen from \$350 billion in 2008 to \$85 billion today. Analysts predict price of gas will fall from \$420 for 1,000 cubic metres in 2008 to around \$260



**Viktor Yushchenko:** Ukraine has been on poor terms with Russia since the 2004 **Orange Revolution** brought President Yushchenko to power. Says debt-ravaged economy cannot afford to pay \$450 gas price Gazprom demands



**Yulia Tymoshenko:** Ukraine's pro-Moscow Prime Minister backs strategic deal with Russia for \$250 gas. In exchange Gazprom will be allowed to acquire 50% stake in Ukraine's pipeline system



**European Union:** EU-backed deal with Russia to start pumping gas stalls within hours. European Commission chief **Jose Manuel Barroso** advises legal action against Russia and Ukraine over cuts



**Angela Merkel:** German Chancellor Merkel and Prime Minister Putin to discuss restoration of gas supplies. Success will win goodwill from European states struggling through winter without heat