

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
January 29, 2003

**Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
January 2003
Purchased Gas Adjustment**

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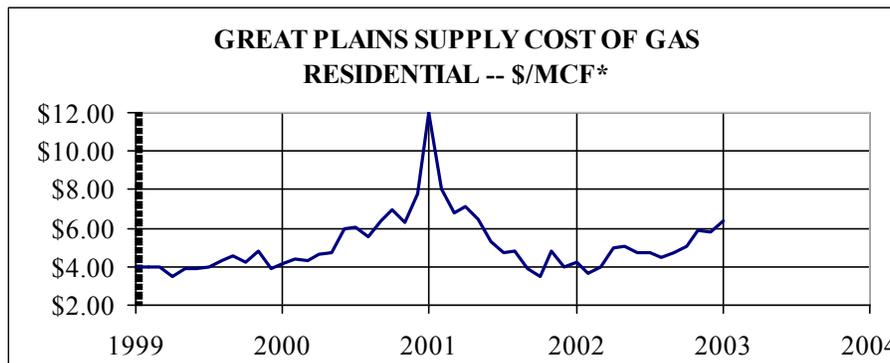
For gas usage on or after January 1, 2003, Great Plains is increasing its purchased gas adjustment by \$.5471 per MCF for residential customers. This changes the current adjustment from \$.6218 per MCF to \$0.1.1689 per MCF.

The residential customer increase is due to:

- \$.5379 per MCF increase in the commodity cost of gas.
- \$.0092 per MCF increase in the demand cost of gas.

The supply cost of gas for January usage is \$6.3538.

The change in cost for third party commodity purchases is attributed to dramatically changing weather patterns and a lower than expected storage report. The increase in demand cost of gas results from changes in Viking Gas Transmission Co. and Northern Natural Gas Co. tariffs.



For residential consumption typical of January (approximately 20.1 MCF), bills will be increased by approximately \$11.00.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) provides various publications on energy issues. The information is available on the EIA website: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

MOTION

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I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s purchased gas adjustment for January 2003, Case No. PU-402-03-34.

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