

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
June 18, 2003

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

**PU-402-03-317
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For gas usage on or after June 1, 2003, Great Plains is increasing its purchased gas adjustment by \$.5684 per MCF for residential customers. This changes the current adjustment from \$1.4675 per MCF to \$2.0359 per MCF.

The supply cost of gas change is due to:

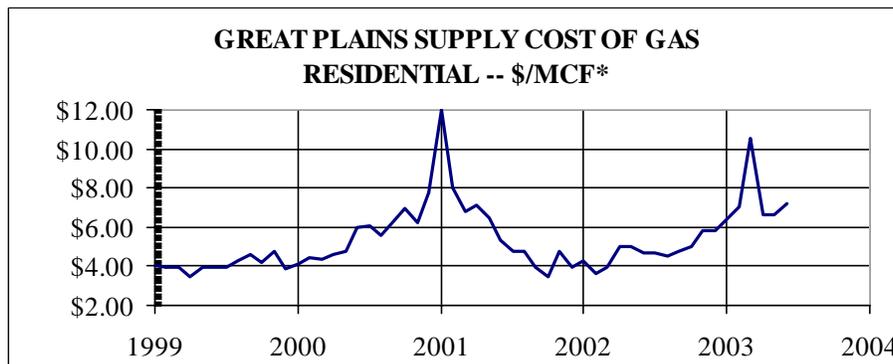
- \$.7629 per MCF increase in the commodity cost of gas.
- \$.0316 per MCF increase in the demand cost of gas.
- \$.2261 per MCF decrease in the Gas Cost Reconciliation Adjustment

The supply cost of gas for June usage is \$7.2208 per MCF.

The change in cost for third party commodity purchases is attributed to increased demand as storage reports continue to be dismal and production is down.

The change in demand cost is attributed to a change in Northern Natural Gas Company's TFX Reservation Charges, TFF Reservation Charge, and a revision to the 3-year normalized average firm sales.

The Gas Cost Reconciliation Adjustment is the annual adjustment of the under-recovery/over-recovery true-up mechanism.



For residential consumption typical of June (approximately 2.2 MCF), bills will be increased by approximately \$1.25. There were 2,054 Great Plains customers in North Dakota as of December 31, 2002.

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 June 2003, Case No. PU-402-03-317.

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