

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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**Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
April 2005  
Cost of Gas Adjustment**

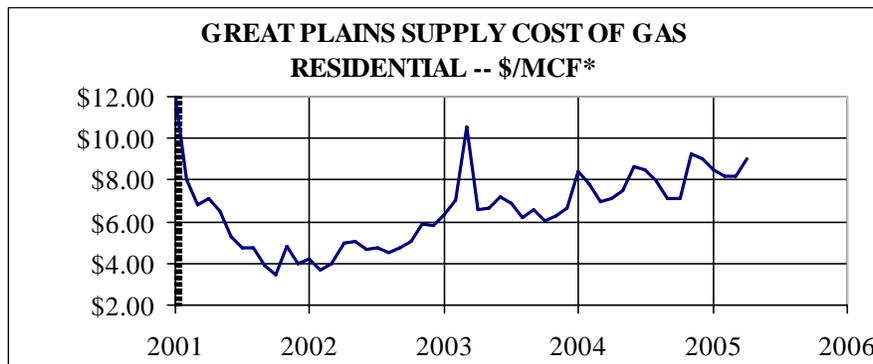
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Great Plains is increasing its cost of gas adjustment to residential customers by \$0.8908 per dekatherm (dk) compared to last month. This gas adjustment will be applied to natural gas used on or after April 1, 2005.

This cost of gas adjustment on the bill will change from \$2.9781 per dk to \$3.8689 per dk.

For residential consumption of 7.4 dk (typical of April), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$6.59 higher than last month and \$14.25 higher than April 2004.

The total supply-cost of gas for April usage is \$9.0538 per dk.



The supply-cost of gas change is due to:

- \$0.8359 per dk increase in the commodity-cost of gas.
- \$0.0549 per dk increase in pipeline charges.

For Great Plains, the Cost of Gas for the month is determined on the last day of the preceding month. The Cost of Gas is based on the average of the preceding month's AECO Index futures for the month that the Cost of Gas adjustment will be effective. For example, December's Cost of Gas is determined on the last day of November and is the average of November's AECO Index futures for December gas.

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>.

There were 2,039 Great Plains customers in North Dakota as of December 31, 2003.

**MOTION**

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I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Cost of Gas adjustment for April 2005, Case No. PU-05-207.

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