

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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**Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
February 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment**

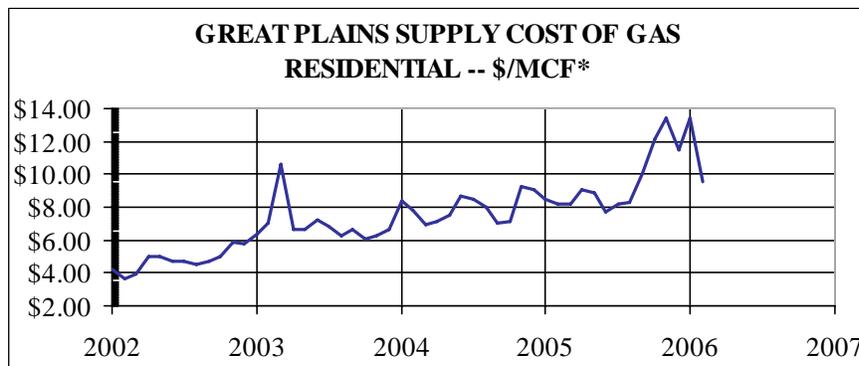
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Great Plains is decreasing its cost of gas adjustment to residential customers by \$3.8755 per dekatherm (dk) compared to last month. This gas adjustment will be applied to natural gas used on or after February 1, 2006.

This cost of gas adjustment on the bill will change from \$8.2040 per dk to \$4.3285 per dk.

For residential consumption of 16.1 dk (representative of February), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$62.40 lower than last month and \$21.63 higher than February 2005.

The total supply-cost of gas for February usage is \$9.5134 per dk.



The supply-cost of gas change is due to:

- \$3.9164 per dk decrease in the commodity-cost of gas.
- \$0.0409 per dk increase in pipeline charges.

The decrease in commodity-cost of gas is attributed to unseasonably mild temperatures over most regions of the United States during the month of January and high storage inventories. Current and future prices remain high compared to historical levels and reflect market expectations of persisting tightness in the natural gas market despite high storage inventories.

The principal sources of natural gas for Wahpeton are the large Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin. For Great Plains, the Cost of Gas for the month is based on the established price for the Alberta Energy Company Ltd. (AECO) Index. The AECO Index is based on the weighted average one month spot price at AECO-Calgary Hub (AECO-C) / Nova Inventory Transfer (NIT) as reported by Natural Gas Exchange (NGX).

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 2,044 Great Plains customers in North Dakota as of December 31, 2004.

MOTION

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I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Cost of Gas adjustment for February 2006, Case No. PU-06-50.

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