

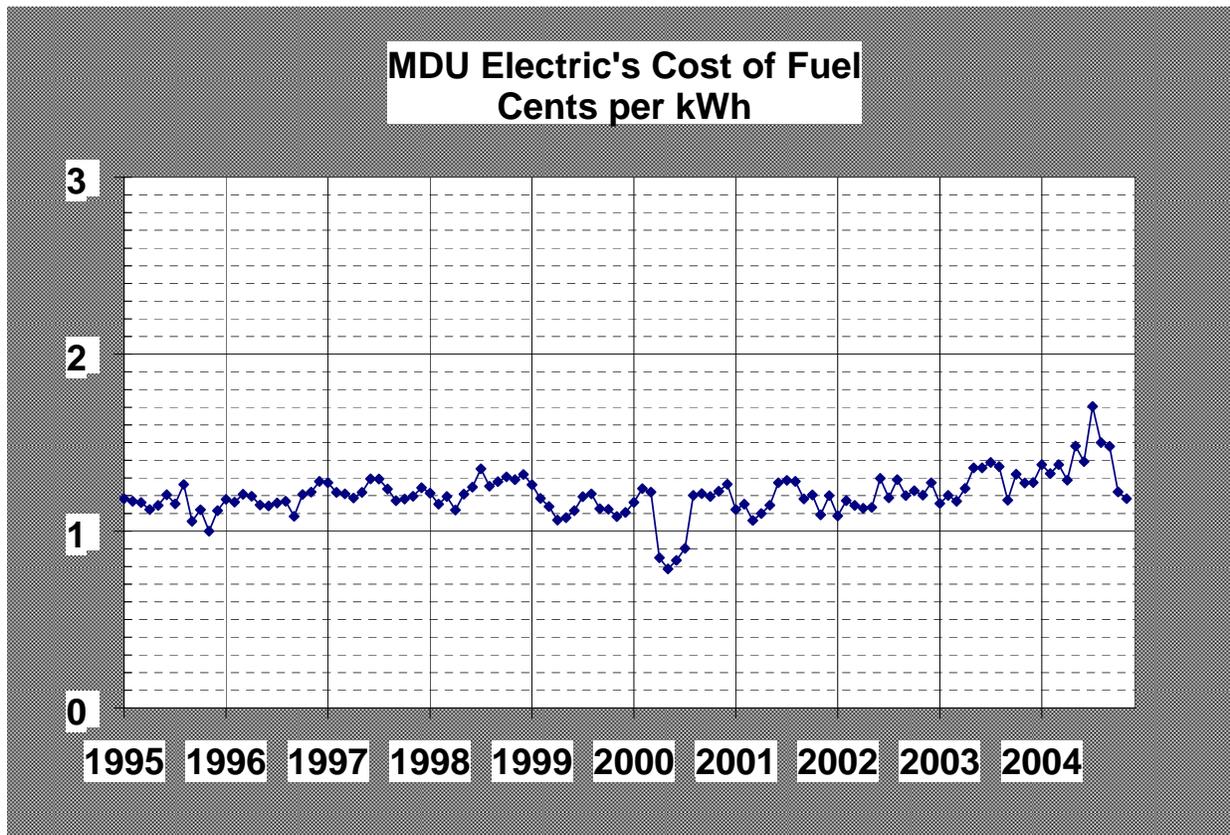
January 12, 2005

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A Division of
MDU Resources Group, Inc.
January 2005
Fuel Cost Adjustment**

Case No. PU-04-651

MDU has requested to decrease its electric fuel cost adjustment by .257 cents per kWh from the current authorized adjustment of .176 cents per kWh. The resulting fuel cost adjustment for January will be -.081 cents per kWh.

As a result of this change, the electric bill for an MDU residential customer consuming 750 kWh will decrease \$1.93 for bills rendered in the month of January.



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I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s fuel cost adjustment for January 2005, Case No. PU-04-651.

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