

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
November 21, 2001

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of  
MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
December 2001  
Purchased Gas Adjustment-Natural Gas**

**PU-399-01-591  
Filed 11/9/2001**

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:**

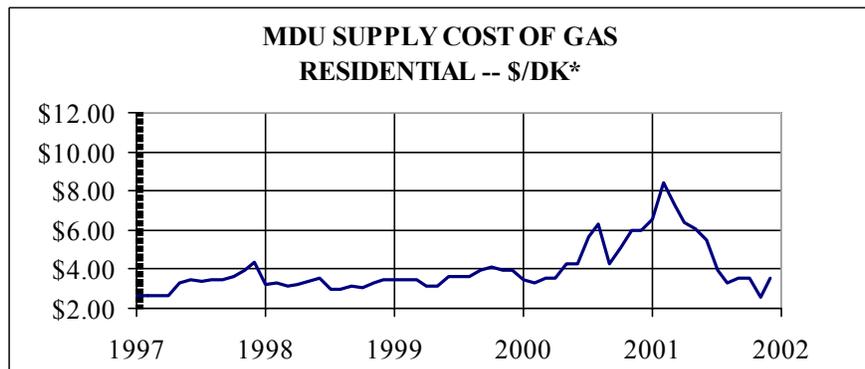
For gas bills issued during December 2001, MDU is increasing its purchased gas adjustment by \$.928 per dekatherm for residential and firm general service customers. This changes the current purchased gas adjustment from negative \$1.069 per dk to negative \$.141 per dk.

The change in the purchased gas adjustment for residential customers results from:

- \$1.362 per dk increase in the commodity cost of gas
- \$.434 decrease for an out-of-cycle adjustment to the Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost surcharge to last for one year beginning December 1, 2001.

The resulting supply cost of gas for December is \$3.528

The Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration reports that there is some recent concern about possible lagging production, regional spells of cold weather and general uncertainty with recent events, however, the relatively low prices for natural gas should persist throughout 2002 due to lower industrial demand and relatively high inventories (assuming normal weather and barring any major supply disruptions).



This PGA change will increase the December bill for a typical residential customer with usage of 18.8 dk by \$17.45. There were 82,172 MDU customers in North Dakota as of September 30, 2001.

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

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I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Natural Gas  
Purchased Gas Adjustment for December 2001, Case No. PU-399-01-591.

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