

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
May 8, 2002

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A Division  
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
May 2002  
Purchased Gas Adjust. Propane**

**PU-399-02-199  
Filed 04/19/2002**

For gas bills issued during May 2002 MDU is increasing its propane purchased gas adjustment by \$.508 per dekatherm for customers in Hettinger. This changes the current propane purchased gas adjustment from negative \$1.384 per dk to negative \$.876 per dk.

The propane price increase of \$0.771 per dk is a result of the lowest price MDU obtained from its regional bulk wholesale propane suppliers. The change in the price of propane is generally driven by a combination of crude oil and natural gas prices, weather, demand, and inventory levels. The over/under-recovery surcharge adjustment is changing to negative \$0.455, a decrease of \$0.263.

This PGA change will increase the May bill for a typical residential customer with usage of 4.0 dk by \$2.03. There were 288 propane customers in Hettinger as of March 31, 2002.

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

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**Case No. PU-399-02-199**

I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane purchased gas adjustment for May 2002, Case No. PU-399-02-199.

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