

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
October 10, 2002

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

**PU-399-02-500
Filed 09/26/2002**

For gas bills issued during October 2002 MDU is increasing its propane purchased gas adjustment by \$1.102 per dekatherm for customers in Hettinger. This changes the current propane purchased gas adjustment from negative \$.876 per dk to \$.226 per dk.

The propane price increase of \$1.102 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.

This PGA change will increase the October bill for a typical residential customer with usage of 7.5 dk by \$8.27. There were 290 propane customers in Hettinger as of August 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>.

MOTION

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I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane purchased gas adjustment for October 2002, Case No. PU-399-02-500.

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