

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
June 18, 2003

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A Division
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
July 2003
Purchased Gas Adjust. Propane**

**PU-399-03-313
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For gas bills issued during July 2003 to Hettinger customers, MDU is decreasing its Propane Cost charge by \$.549 per dekatherm (dk). The current Propane Cost charge will change from \$6.590 per dk to \$6.041 per dk.

The propane price decrease of \$.549 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.

For a residential customer using 1.7 dk in July, this PGA change will decrease the bill by \$.93. There were 302 propane customers in Hettinger as of April 30, 2003.

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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I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane purchased gas adjustment for July 2003, Case No. PU-399-03-313.

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