

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
August 28, 2003

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

**PU-399-03-476
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For gas bills issued during September 2003 to Hettinger customers, MDU is increasing its Propane Cost charge by \$1.098 per dekatherm (dk). The current Propane Cost charge will change from \$6.041 per dk to \$7.139 per dk.

The propane price increase of \$1.098 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 3.5 dk in September, this PGA change will increase the bill by \$3.84. There were 304 propane customers in Hettinger as of June 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 September 2003, Case No. PU-399-03-476.

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