

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
October 22, 2003

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

**PU-399-03-579
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For gas bills issued during November 2003 to Hettinger customers, MDU is increasing its Propane Cost charge by \$.549 per dekatherm (dk). The current Propane Cost charge will change from \$7.688 per dk to \$8.237 per dk.

The propane price increase 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 14.1 dk in November, this PGA change will increase the bill by \$7.74. There were 308 propane customers in Hettinger as of August 31, 2003.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) provides various publications on energy issues. The information is available on the 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 November 2003, Case No. PU-399-03-579.

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