

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
December 31, 2003

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A Division
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
January 2004
Purchased Gas Adjust. Propane**

**PU-399-03-693
Filed 12/11/2003**

For gas bills issued during January 2004 to Hettinger customers, MDU is decreasing its Propane Cost charge by \$.549 per dekatherm (dk). The current Propane Cost charge will change from \$8.237 per dk to \$7.688 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 20.1 dk in January, this PGA change will decrease the bill by \$11.03. There were 313 propane customers in Hettinger as of October 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>.

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I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane purchased gas adjustment for January 2004, Case No. PU-399-03-693.

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