

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A Division  
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
March 2005  
Cost of Gas Adjust. Propane**

**PU-05-83  
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MDU is decreasing its Cost of Gas Adjustment by \$0.549 per dekatherm (dk) compared to last month. The cost of gas adjustment will be \$7.643 per dk and will be applied to propane gas bills issued during March 2005 to Hettinger customers.

The propane price decrease 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. The cost of propane to MDU has changed from \$9.981 to \$9.432 per dk.

For residential customer usage of 12.5 dk (representative of March), the cost of propane gas in the bill will be approximately \$6.86 lower than last month and \$1.21 higher than March 2004. There were 325 propane customers in Hettinger as of January 31, 2005.

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 Cost of Gas adjustment for March 2005, Case No. PU-05-83.

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