

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
November 30, 2005

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A Division
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
December 2005
Cost of Gas Adjust. Propane**

**PU-05-607
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MDU is decreasing its Cost of Gas Adjustment by \$.549 per dekatherm (dk) compared to last month. The Cost of Gas Adjustment will change from \$13.723 per dk to \$13.174 per dk. The revised cost of gas adjustment will be applied to propane gas bills issued during December 2005 to Hettinger customers.

The commodity cost change 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 residential customer usage of 15.0 dk (representative of December), the cost of propane gas in the bill will be approximately \$8.24 lower than last month and \$34.73 higher than December 2004. There were 324 propane customers in Hettinger as of October 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 December 2005, Case No. PU-05-607.

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