

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
September 2006
Cost of Gas Adjust. Propane**

**PU-06-354
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MDU is increasing its Cost of Gas Adjustment by \$1.098 per dekatherm (dk) compared to last month. The Cost of Gas Adjustment will change from \$10.864 per dk to \$11.962 per dk. The revised cost of gas adjustment will be applied to propane gas bills issued during September 2006 to Hettinger customers.

The cost of gas change is due to:

- \$1.098 per dk increase in the commodity cost of gas.

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 4.0 dk (representative of September), the cost of propane gas in the bill will be approximately \$4.39 higher than last month and \$11.00 higher than September 2005. There were 324 propane customers in Hettinger as of July 31, 2006.

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 September 2006, Case No. PU-06-354.

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