

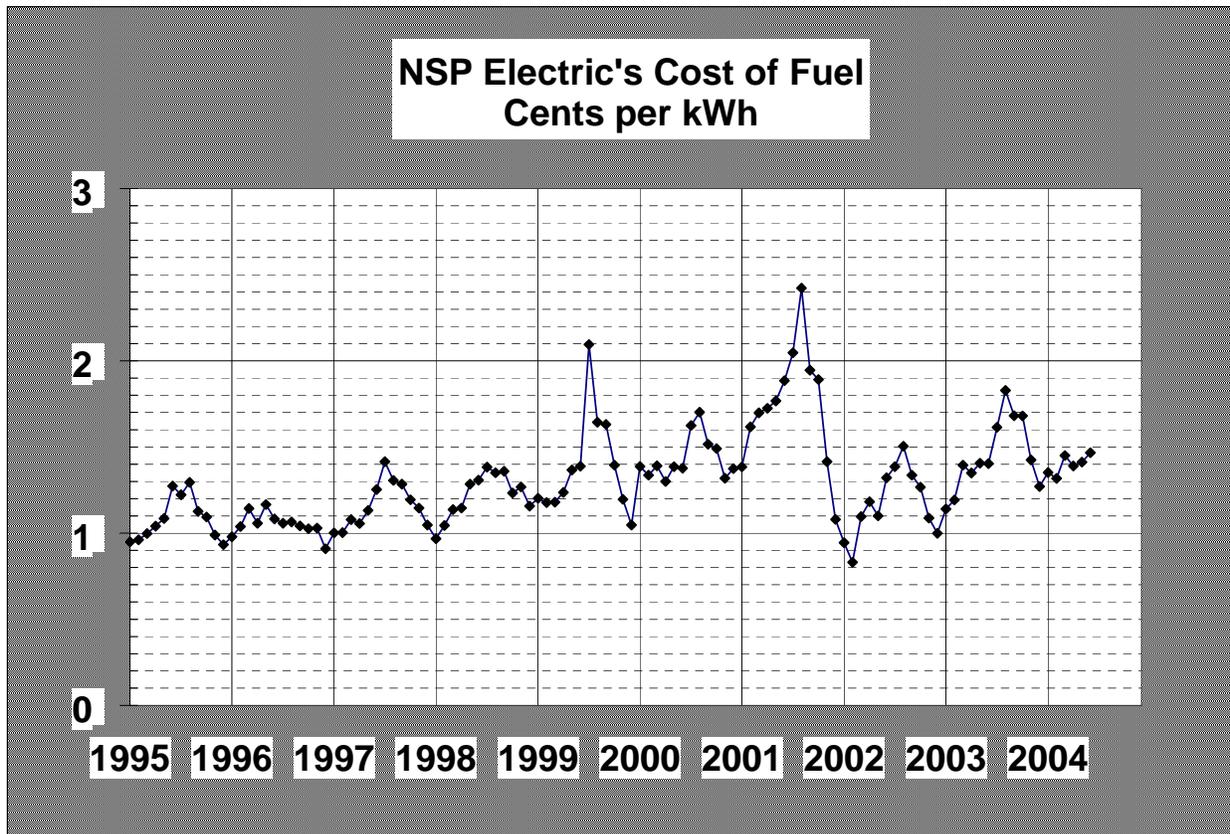
August 4, 2004

**Northern States Power Company
August 2004
Fuel Cost Adjustment**

Case No. PU-04-386

NSP has requested to increase its electric fuel cost adjustment by .054 cents per kWh from the current authorized adjustment of .32 cents per kWh. The resulting fuel cost adjustment for August will be .374 cents per kWh.

As a result of this change, the electric bill for an NSP residential customer consuming 750 kWh will increase 40 cents for bills rendered in the month of August.



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I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's fuel cost adjustment for August 2004, Case No. PU-04-386.

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