

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
April 10, 2002

Northern States Power Company
April 2002
Purchased Gas Adjustment

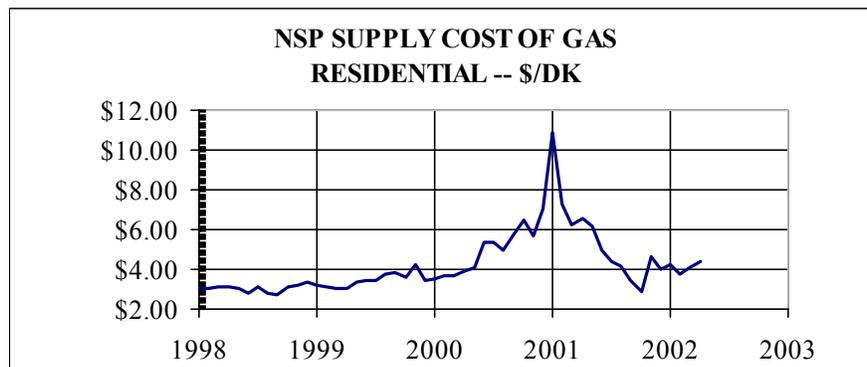
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SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:

In this filing, NSP is increasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$.3182 per dK for gas used on and after April 2, 2002. This changes the current residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$4.0726 per dK to \$4.3908 per dK.

The increase for residential customers results from a \$.7927 per dK increase in the commodity cost of gas and a \$.4745 per dK decrease in the demand cost of gas.

The increase in commodity price is attributed to recent cold weather, falling drilling rig counts, increase in demand for natural gas due to improving economic conditions and stronger oil prices. The decrease in demand cost is attributed to the seasonal removal of the winter portion of demand charge and small increase in the ANR Pipeline's Dakota Reservation Surcharge.



This change in cost of gas increases the bill by \$1.94 for a residential customer with usage of 6.1 dK in April.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) provides various publications on energy issues. The information is available on the EIA website: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

MOTION

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I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's April 2002 purchased gas adjustment, Case No. PU-400-02-139.

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