

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
May 8, 2002

Northern States Power Company
May 2002
Purchased Gas Adjustment

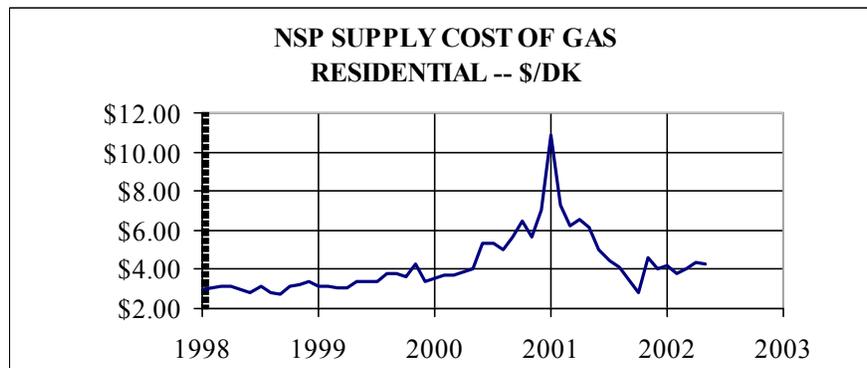
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SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:

In this filing, NSP is decreasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$.0852 per dK for gas used on and after May 2, 2002. This changes the current residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$4.3908 per dK to \$4.3056 per dK.

The decrease for residential customers results from a \$.0852 per dK decrease in the commodity cost of gas and no change in the demand cost of gas.

Although this filing represents a slight decrease, the lingering commodity price level 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 due to tension in the Middle East.



This change in cost of gas decreases the bill by \$.26 for a residential customer with usage of 3.0 dK in May.

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>.

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I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's May 2002 purchased gas adjustment, Case No. PU-400-02-219.

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