

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
March 12, 2003

**Northern States Power Company**  
**March 2003**  
**Purchased Gas Adjustment**

**PU-400-03-119**  
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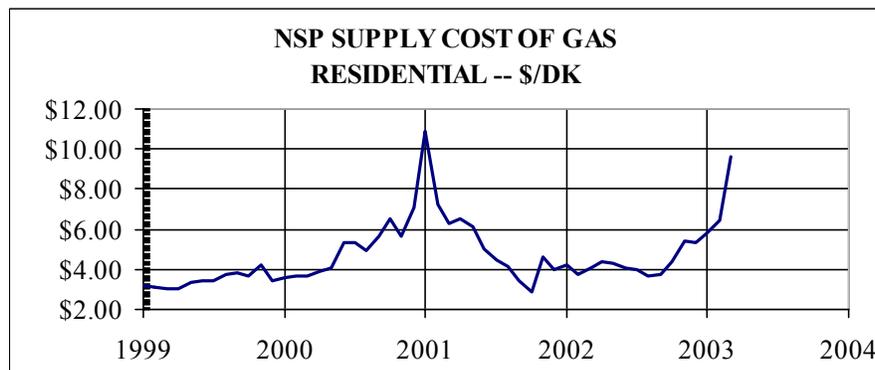
**SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:**

In this filing, NSP is increasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$3.1916 per dK for gas used on and after March 2, 2003. This changes the current residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$6.4506 per dK to \$9.6422 per dK.

The increase for residential customers results from:

- \$3.1573 per dK increase in the commodity cost of gas
- \$.0343 per dK decrease in the demand cost of gas

Natural gas commodity prices increased, in part, due to colder than normal weather on the east coast, low storage levels, high alternative fuel prices, and decreasing production levels compared to last year. The net demand related gas prices decreased due to an annual adjustment in the demand cost allocation factors.



This change in cost of gas increases the bill by \$34.47 for a residential customer with usage of 10.8 dK in March.

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 March 2003 purchased gas adjustment, Case No. PU-400-03-119.

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