

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
May 7, 2003

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

**PU-400-03-221
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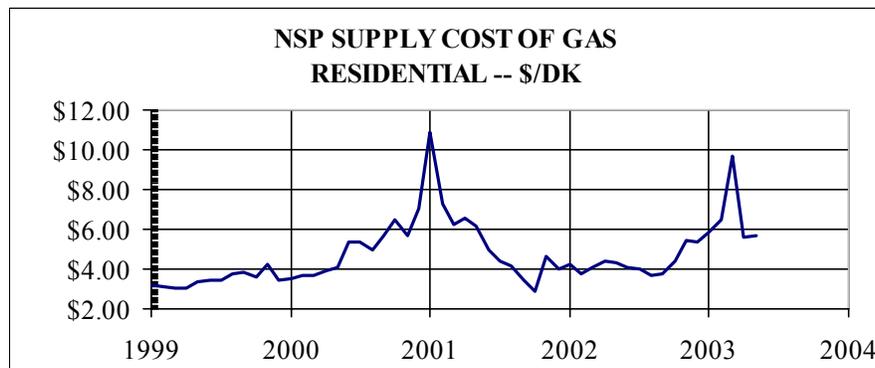
SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:

In this filing, NSP is increasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$.0074 per dK for gas used on and after May 2, 2003. This changes the current residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$5.6394 per dK to \$5.6468 per dK.

The increase for residential customers results from:

- \$.0074 per dK increase in the commodity cost of gas
- No change in the demand cost of gas

The relative price level for natural gas is remaining high compared to historical prices due to lower than historical storage levels, high alternative fuel prices, and lower than expected production levels.



This change in cost of gas increases the bill by \$.02 for a residential customer with usage of 3 dK in May. There were 38,326 NSP gas customers in North Dakota as of December 31, 2001.

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 cost of gas adjustment for May 2003, Case No. PU-400-03-221.

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