

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
September 11, 2003

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

**PU-400-03-505  
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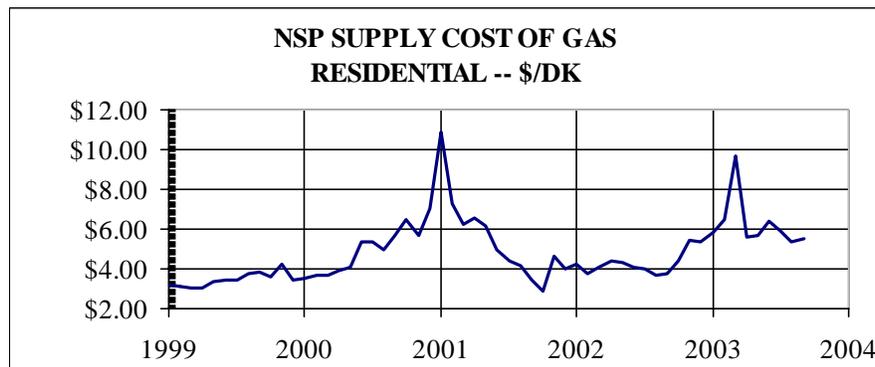
**SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:**

In this filing, NSP is increasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$.1169 per dK for gas used on and after September 2, 2003. This changes the current residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$5.3838 per dK to \$5.5007 per dK.

The increase for residential customers results from:

- \$.2891 per dK increase in the commodity cost of gas
- No change in the demand cost of gas
- \$.1722 per dK decrease in the annual true-up factor. The annual true up, included with this filing, is changing from \$.0765 per dK to negative \$.0957 per dK.

NSP states that the relative price level for natural gas is remains 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 \$.29 for a residential customer with usage of 2.5 dK. There were 39,332 NSP gas customers in North Dakota as of December 31, 2002.

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 September 2003, Case No. PU-400-03-505.

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