

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
December 18, 2003

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

**PU-400-03-673  
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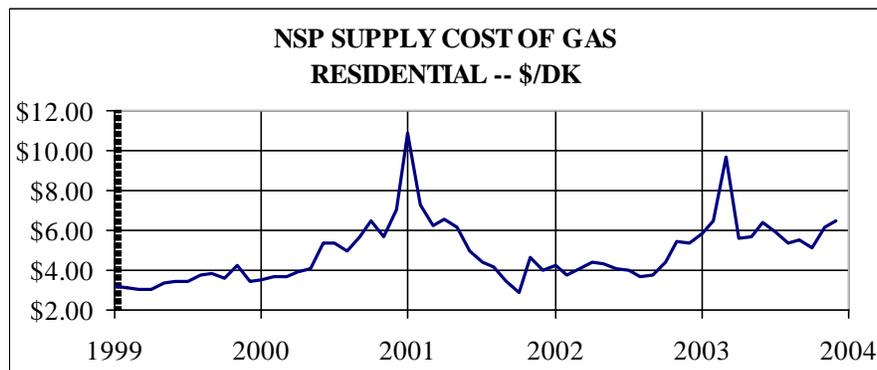
**SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:**

In this filing, NSP is increasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$0.3245 per dK for gas used on and after December 2, 2003. This changes the current residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$6.1582 per dK to \$6.4827 per dK.

The increase for residential customers results from:

- \$.2770 per dK increase in the commodity cost of gas
- \$.0475 per dK increase in the demand cost of gas

NSP states that the commodity price increase is due, in part, to seasonal factors. Demand costs increased due to new demand cost allocation factors that divide demand costs between state jurisdictions. The demand allocation factors change once a year at about this time.



This change in cost of gas increases the bill by \$5.48 for a residential customer with usage of 16.9 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 December 2003, Case No. PU-400-03-673.

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