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Northern States Power Company
April 2004
Cost of Gas Adjustment

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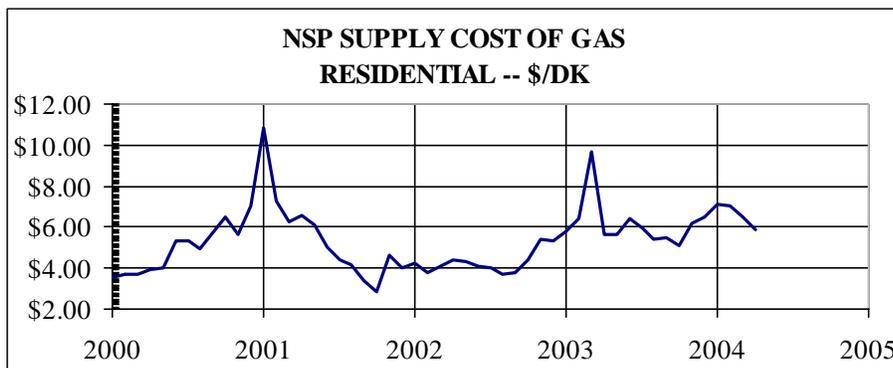
SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:

NSP is decreasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$.6605 per dK compared to last month. This gas adjustment will be applied to natural gas used by NSP residential customers on and after April 2, 2004. This changes the current residential customer cost of gas adjustment on the bill from \$6.5064 per dK to \$5.8459 per dK.

The decrease for residential customers results from:

- \$.0933 per dK decrease in the commodity cost of gas
- \$.5672 per dK decrease in the demand cost of gas

NSP states that the commodity cost of gas decrease is due, in part, to strong national natural gas storage reserves. The decrease in demand cost is due to the seasonal demand rates approved in the last general rate case.



For residential consumption of 6.9 dk (representative of April), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$4.56 lower than last month and \$1.42 higher than April 2003. 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 April 2004, Case No. PU-04-149.

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