

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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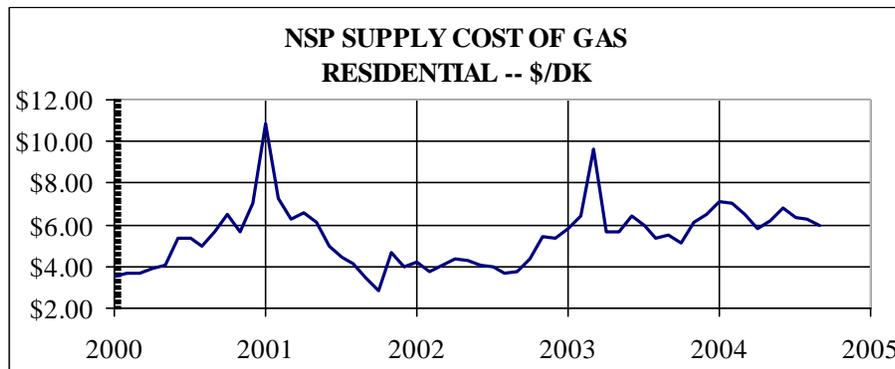
**Northern States Power Company  
September 2004  
Cost of Gas Adjustment**

**PU-04-455  
Filed 09/02/2004**

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:**

NSP is decreasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$.290 per dekatherm (dk) compared to last month. This gas adjustment will be applied to natural gas used by NSP residential customers on and after September 2, 2004. This changes the current residential customer cost of gas adjustment on the bill from \$6.2767 per dK to \$5.9867 per dK.

For residential consumption of 2.0 dk (representative of September), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$.58 lower than last month and \$.97 higher than September 2003. There were 40,554 NSP gas customers in North Dakota as of December 31, 2003.



The decrease for residential customers results from:

- \$.5650 per dK decrease in the commodity cost of gas
- \$.0391 per dK decrease in the demand cost of gas
- \$.3141 per dK increase in the annual true-up factor. The 2003-2004 annual true up of gas costs, included with this filing, is changing from negative \$.1336 per dK to \$.1805 per dK.

NSP states that the demand cost decrease is due to a net effect of adjustments to the Northern Natural Gas Pipeline, Viking Gas Transmission and ANR Pipeline reservation rates.

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 2004, Case No. PU-04-455.

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