

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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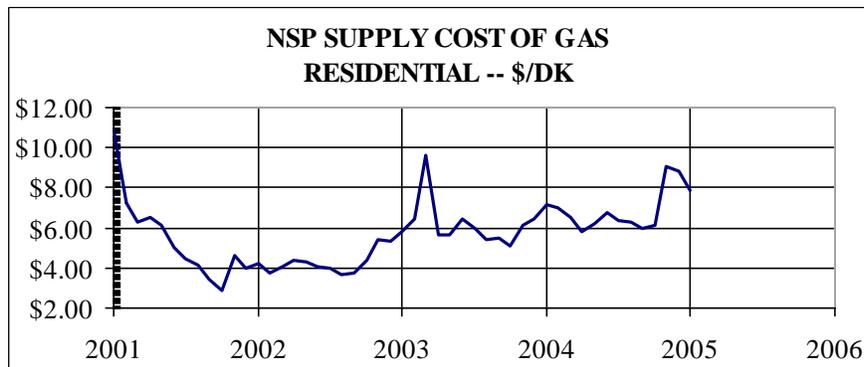
**Northern States Power Company**  
**January 2005**  
**Cost of Gas Adjustment**

**PU-05-002**  
**Filed 01/03/2005**

**SUMMARY:**

NSP is decreasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$0.9388 per dekatherm (dk) compared to last month. This gas adjustment will be applied to natural gas used by NSP residential customers on and after January 2, 2005. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$8.8197 per dK to \$7.8809 per dK.

For residential consumption of 17.5 dk (representative of January), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$16.43 lower than last month and \$13.03 higher than January 2004. There were 40,554 NSP gas customers in North Dakota as of December 31, 2003.



The decrease for residential customers results from:

- \$0.9527 per dK decrease in the commodity cost of gas
- \$0.0139 per dK increase in the demand cost of gas

NSP states that the commodity cost decreased due to revised forecasts calling for January to be much warmer than initially expected and high storage inventory levels causing downward pressure on natural gas prices. NSP states that the demand cost increased due to changes in Northern Natural Gas Pipeline's system balancing account surcharge and Viking Gas Transmission's firm transportation service 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>.

**MOTION**

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**Case No. PU-05-2**

I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's cost of gas adjustment for January 2005, Case No. PU-05-2.

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