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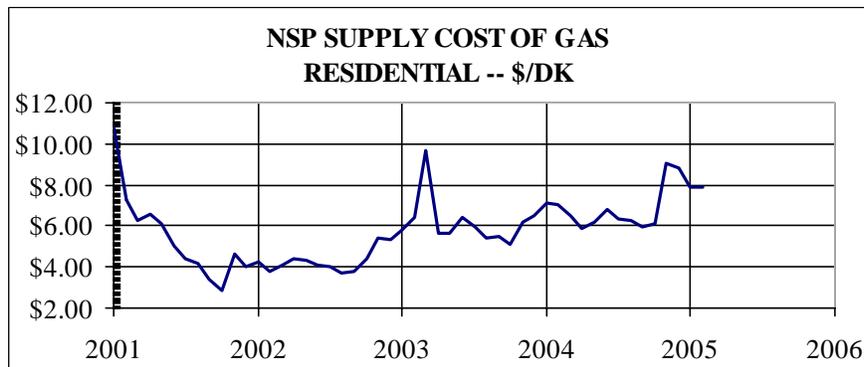
**Northern States Power Company
February 2005
Cost of Gas Adjustment**

**PU-05-59
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SUMMARY:

NSP is increasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$0.0115 per dekatherm (dk) compared to last month. This gas adjustment will be applied to natural gas used by NSP residential customers on and after February 2, 2005. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$7.8809 per dK to \$7.8924 per dK.

For residential consumption of 14.0 dk (representative of February), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$0.16 higher than last month and \$12.19 higher than February 2004. There were 40,554 NSP gas customers in North Dakota as of December 31, 2003.



The increase for residential customers results from:

- \$0.0396 per dK increase in the commodity cost of gas
- \$0.0281 per dK decrease in the demand cost of gas

NSP states that the commodity cost increase may be due to decreased working gas in storage driven by recent colder than normal temperatures. NSP states that the demand cost decreased slightly as a result of contract classification changes that decrease the price of the contracts with Viking Gas Transmission Company.

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 February 2005, Case No. PU-05-59.

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