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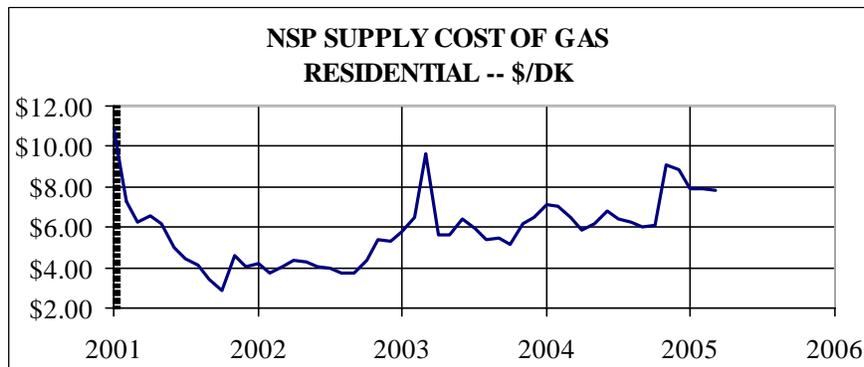
Northern States Power Company
March 2005
Cost of Gas Adjustment

PU-05-138
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SUMMARY:

NSP is decreasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$0.0326 per dekatherm (dk) compared to last month. This gas adjustment will be applied to natural gas used by NSP residential customers on and after March 2, 2005. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$7.8924 per dK to \$7.8598 per dK.

For residential consumption of 11.8 dk (representative of March), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$0.38 lower than last month and \$15.97 higher than March 2004. There were 40,554 NSP gas customers in North Dakota as of December 31, 2003.



The decrease for residential customers results from:

- \$0.0326 per dK decrease in the commodity cost of gas; and
- no change in the demand cost of gas.

NSP states that the commodity cost decrease may be due to storage levels that are above the five-year average.

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 March 2005, Case No. PU-05-138.

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