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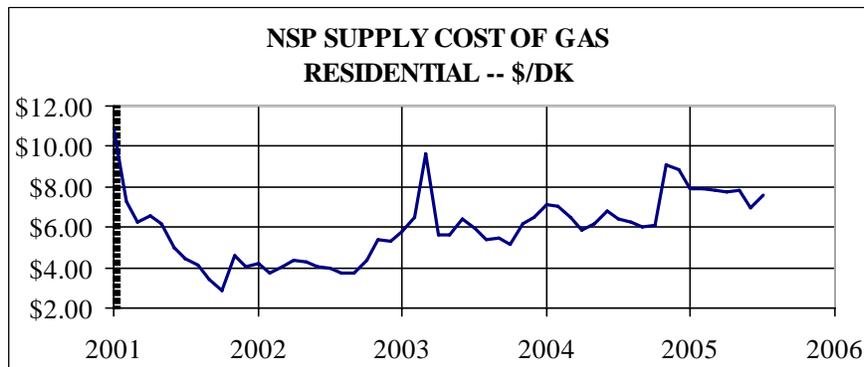
Northern States Power Company
July 2005
Cost of Gas Adjustment

PU-05-429
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SUMMARY:

NSP is increasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$0.64 per dekatherm (dk) compared to last month. This gas adjustment will be applied to natural gas used by NSP residential customers on and after July 2, 2005. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$6.9246 per dK to \$7.5646 per dK.

For residential consumption of 1.2 dk (representative of July), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$0.77 higher than last month and \$1.43 higher than July 2004. As of December 31, 2004, NSP served 35,731 NSP residential gas customers, and a total of 42,095 NSP gas customers, in Fargo, Grand Forks and surrounding communities.



The increase for residential customers results from:

- \$0.64 per dK increase in the commodity cost of gas; and
- No change in interstate pipeline costs.

The increase in commodity cost of gas is correlated to the most recent surge in oil prices. In addition, supply conditions and demand for natural gas are causing an overall upward pressure on price, which is keeping the price above historical averages.

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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I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's cost of gas adjustment for July 2005, Case No. PU-05-429.

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