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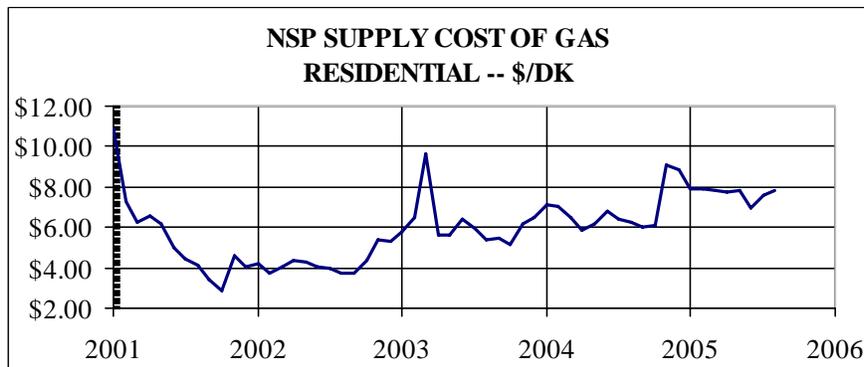
**Northern States Power Company
August 2005
Cost of Gas Adjustment**

**PU-05-477
Filed 08/01/2005**

SUMMARY:

NSP is increasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$0.2402 per dekatherm (dk) compared to last month. This gas adjustment will be applied to natural gas used by NSP residential customers on and after August 2, 2005. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$7.5646 per dK to \$7.8048 per dK.

For residential consumption of 1.2 dk (representative of August), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$0.29 higher than last month and \$1.83 higher than August 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:

- \$0.2402 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 sustained high crude oil prices and national warmer than normal weather. In addition, supply conditions and demand for natural gas in the near term 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>.

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I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's cost of gas adjustment for August 2005, Case No. PU-05-477.

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