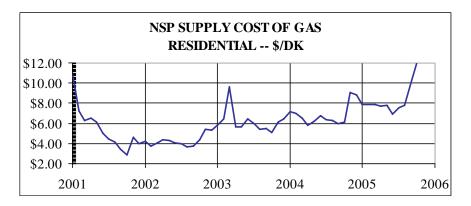
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION October 18, 2005

Northern States Power Company October 2005 Cost of Gas Adjustment PU-05-548 Filed 09/30/2005

SUMMARY:

NSP is increasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$1.9314 per dekatherm (dk) compared to last month. This gas adjustment will be applied to natural gas used by NSP residential customers on and after October 2, 2005. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$9.9804 per dK to \$11.9118 per dK.

For residential consumption of 5.3 dk (representative of October), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$10.32 higher than last month and \$30.64 higher than October 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:

- \$1.9334 per dk increase in the commodity cost of gas; and
- \$0.002 decrease in interstate pipeline costs.

The increase in commodity cost of gas is correlated to the high crude oil prices over the past several months and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Gas market prices in the upcoming heating season will be significantly affected by ability to bring production facilities in the Golf of Mexico back into service. The decrease in pipeline costs is the result of a slight decrease in the Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company reservation charges.

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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Northern States Power Company October 2005 Cost of Gas Adjustment Case No. PU-05-548

I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's cost of gas adjustment for October 2005, Case No. PU-05-548.

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