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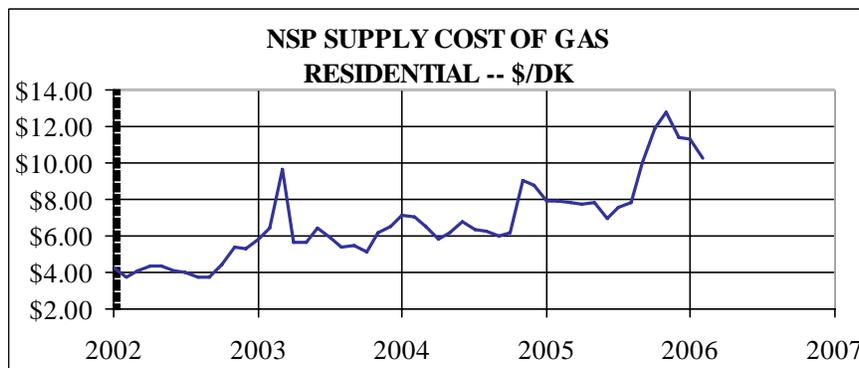
**Northern States Power Company
February 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment**

**PU-06-46
Filed 01/30/2006**

SUMMARY:

NSP is decreasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$1.1194 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 1, 2006. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$11.3453 per dK to \$10.2259 per dK.

For residential consumption of 13.6 dk (representative of February), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$15.22 lower than last month and \$31.74 higher than February 2005. 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:

- \$1.1279 per dk decrease in the commodity cost of gas; and
- \$0.0085 per dk increase in demand costs.

Commodity cost of gas decreased due to warmer than normal weather in January nationally and the forecast of mild weather in the coming weeks. Prices remain historically high due to the continued tight balance between natural gas supply and demand, partially due to lower production in the Gulf of Mexico resulting from summer weather events.

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 2006, Case No. PU-06-46.

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