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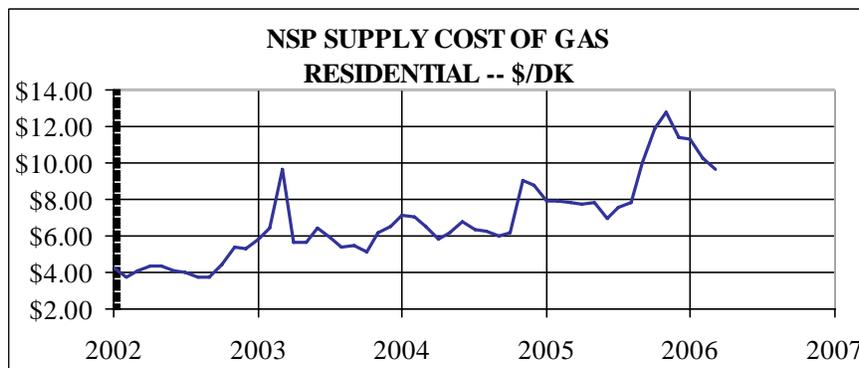
Northern States Power Company
March 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment

PU-06-79
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SUMMARY:

NSP is decreasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$0.5388 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 1, 2006. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$10.2259 per dK to \$9.6871 per dK.

For residential consumption of 11.0 dk (representative of March), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$5.92 lower than last month and \$20.10 higher than March 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:

- \$.5388 per dk decrease in the commodity cost of gas; and
- No change in demand costs.

Commodity cost of gas decreased due to continued nationally warmer than normal weather. The warmer than normal weather has resulted in historically high levels of storage for this time of year.

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 March 2006, Case No. PU-06-79.

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