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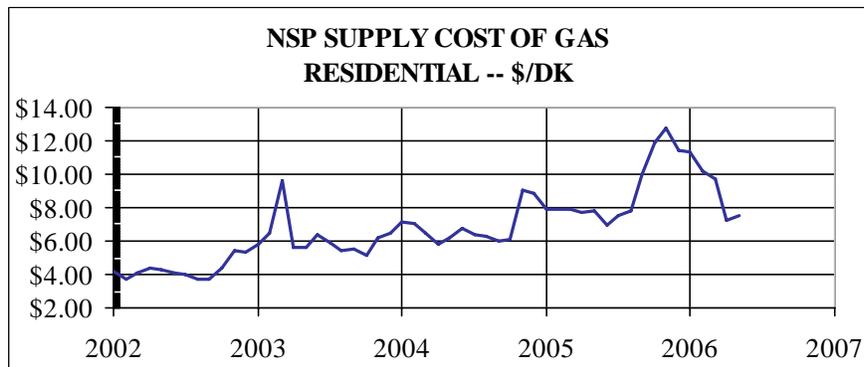
**Northern States Power Company
May 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment**

**PU-06-185
Filed 04/28/2006**

SUMMARY:

NSP is increasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$0.2643 per dekatherm (dk) compared to last month. This gas adjustment will be applied to natural gas used by NSP residential customers on and after May 1, 2006. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$7.2645 per dK to \$7.5288 per dK.

For residential consumption of 2.8 dk (representative of May), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$0.74 higher than last month and \$0.79 lower than May 2005. As of December 31, 2005, NSP served 36,233 residential gas customers, and a total of 42,531 gas customers, in Fargo, Grand Forks and surrounding communities.



The increase for residential customers results from:

- \$.2668 per dk increase in the commodity cost of gas; and
- \$.0025 per dk decrease in the demand costs.

Mild weather has allowed storage inventories to reach historically high levels 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>.

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I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's cost of gas adjustment for May 2006, Case No. PU-06-185.

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