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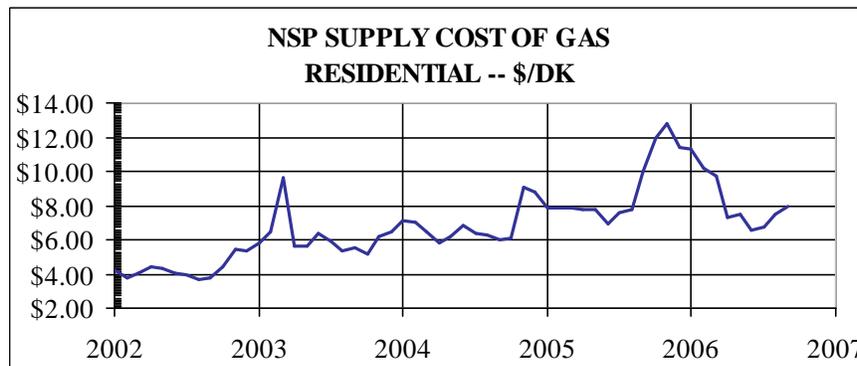
Northern States Power Company
September 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment

PU-06-392
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SUMMARY:

NSP is increasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$0.4338 per dekatherm (dK) compared to last month. This gas adjustment will be applied to natural gas used by NSP residential customers on and after September 1, 2006. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$7.5275 per dK to \$7.9613 per dK.

For residential consumption of 1.8 dk (representative of September), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$0.76 higher than last month and \$3.63 lower than September 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:

- \$.4921 per dk increase in the commodity cost of gas; and
- No change in interstate pipeline costs.
- \$.0583 per dk decrease in the annual true-up factor. The 2005-2006 annual true up of gas costs in this filing is changing from \$.3824 per dK to \$.3241 per dK.

The increase in commodity costs is attributed to market response to warmer than normal summer weather which has caused increased use natural gas for electric generation.

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 September 2006, Case No. PU-06-392.

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