

Northern States Power Company
Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application
Case No. PU-06-525

Fact Sheet

- \$2.801 million increase or 3% overall increase in gas bills requested
- \$2.551 million interim rate increase effective February 13, 2007
- Primary drivers of the rate increase include:
 - New investment costs are outstripping new revenues
 - Xcel desires to implement a Demand Side Management program
 - Gas pipeline relocation in Fargo to accommodate DOT road upgrades
 - Wage increases
 - Changes in jurisdictional allocations
 - Higher incidences of uncollectible accounts
 - Depressed commercial firm service sales
 - Higher cost of capital
 - Inflation
 - Rate case costs
 - Charitable contributions (requesting 50% from ratepayers)
 - Economic development costs
 - Excluding the lost cost of preferred stock from the capital structure
- Other issues include:
 - Residential rate increase of 4.3% including changing the monthly delivery charge from \$15.69 to \$19.20
 - Commercial rate increase of 2.8%
- Anyone wishing to become a party to this proceeding must file a Petition to Intervene by February 15, 2007.