

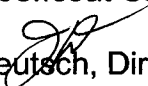


# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

State of North Dakota

## Memorandum

To: Commissioners Wefald, Cramer and Clark  
Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Director

From:  Jim Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: June 13, 2008

Subject: Procurement of construction services for sinkhole filling at several abandoned mine land sites

The AML Division is preparing Invitations for Bids (IFB's) for four sinkhole filling projects this year at numerous AML sites in western North Dakota using competitive sealed bidding procedures. These are 2008: Maintenance 1 for sites near Noonan; Maintenance 2 for sites near Beulah, New Leipzig and Scranton; Maintenance 3 for sites near Williston; and, Maintenance 4 for sites near Sawyer, Washburn and Wilton. We plan to have the appropriate information for the first three projects ready for posting on State Procurement's website by June 20<sup>th</sup>. The IFB for the fourth project will not be ready until the end of July. Bid openings for the first three projects are planned for mid-July, while the fourth will be in late August. Construction activities to fill sinkholes at these sites is planned for late summer and fall.

I recommend the Commission authorize procurement of construction services for sinkhole filling at AML sites associated with the four projects using competitive sealed bidding procedures. Attached is a motion for the June 19<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

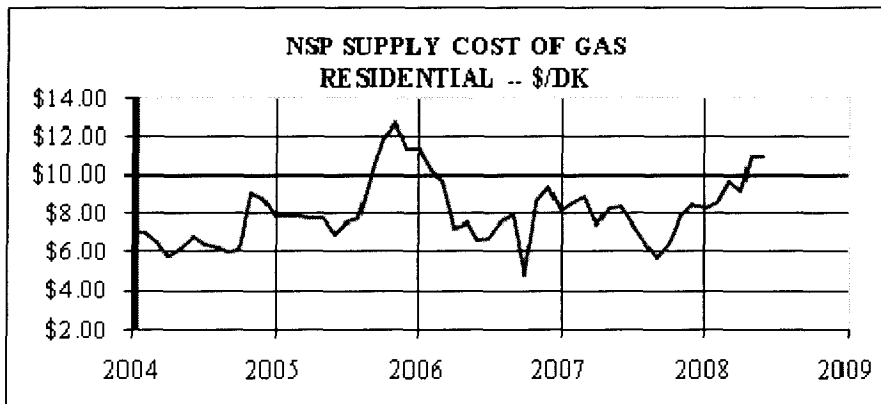
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**Northern States Power Company  
June 2008  
Cost of Gas**

**PU-08-263  
Filed 05/29/2008**

NSP is decreasing the cost of gas by \$0.0328 per dekatherm (dK) compared to last month. This cost of gas will be applied to natural gas used by NSP residential customers on and after June 1, 2008. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas from \$10.9473 per dK to \$10.9145 per dK.

For residential consumption of 1.2 dk (representative of June), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$0.04 lower than last month and \$3.01 higher than June 2007. As of December 31, 2007, NSP served 38,185 residential gas customers, and a total of 44,825 gas customers, in Fargo, Grand Forks and surrounding communities.



The change for residential customers results from:

- \$0.0328 per dk decrease in the commodity cost of gas.
- No change in pipeline costs.

High commodity cost is attributed to the effect of high crude oil prices, weakening of the dollar, and increased worldwide demand for natural gas.

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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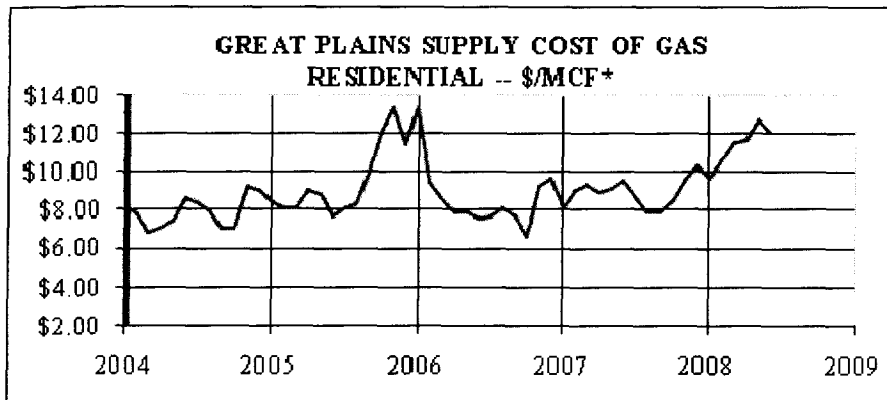
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
June 2008  
Cost of Gas

PU-08-272  
Filed 06/04/2008

Great Plains is decreasing its cost of gas charge to residential customers by \$0.6549 per thousand cubic feet (mcf) compared to last month. This Cost of Gas charge will be applied to natural gas bills issued during June 2008.

The cost of gas on the customer bill will change from \$12.7296 per mcf to \$12.0747 per mcf.

For residential consumption of 2.2 mcf (representative of June), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$1.44 lower than last month and \$5.34 higher than June 2007.



The supply-cost of gas change is due to:

\$0.1012 per mcf increase in the commodity cost of gas.

\$0.1305 per mcf increase in pipeline charges.

\$0.8866 per mcf decrease in the annual over/under recovery mechanism.

The change in commodity cost of gas is attributed to the continued shut in of a Gulf of Mexico Independence Hub, the continued record high prices of crude oil and the storage levels slightly below the five year average. The Energy Information Administration reported that, as of May 23, 2008 storage inventories nationwide were 0.5% below the five-year average.

The principal sources of natural gas for Wahpeton are the large Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin. For Great Plains, the Cost of Gas for the month is based on the established price for the Alberta Energy Company Ltd. (AECO) Index. The AECO Index is based on the weighted average one month spot price at AECO-Calgary Hub (AECO-C) / Nova Inventory Transfer (NIT) as reported by Natural Gas Exchange (NGX).

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As of December 31, 2007, Great Plains served 1,694 residential customers and 2,063 total customers in North Dakota.