

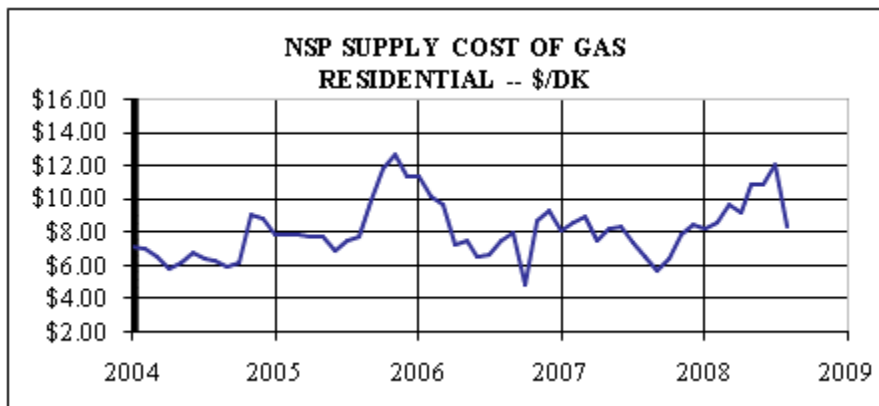
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**Northern States Power Company
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Cost of Gas**

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NSP is decreasing the cost of gas by \$3.8277 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 August 1, 2008. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas from \$12.1413 per dK to \$8.3136 per dK.

For residential consumption of 1.1 dk (representative of August), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$4.21 lower than last month and \$1.95 higher than August 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:

- \$3.8254 per dk decrease in the commodity cost of gas.
- \$0.0023 per dk decrease in pipeline costs.

The decrease in commodity cost is attributed to supplies at higher level than expected and expectation that a slowing economy will curb demand for 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>.