

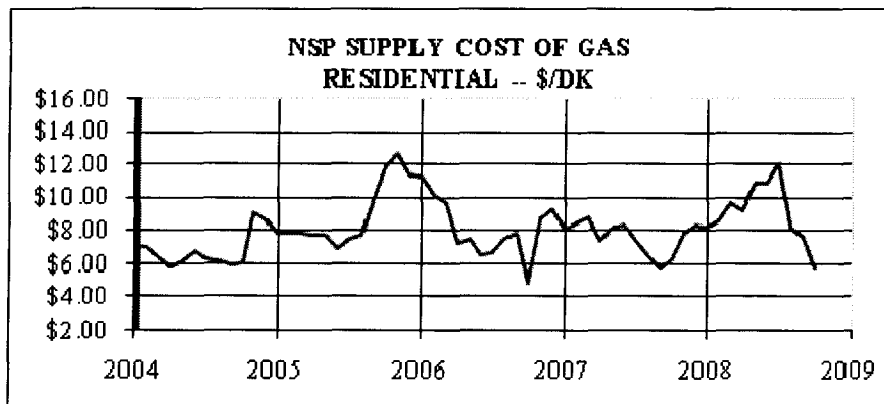
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Cost of Gas

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NSP is decreasing the cost of gas by \$1.9139 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 October 1, 2008. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas from \$7.6338 per dK to \$5.7199 per dK.

For residential consumption of 4.4 dk (representative of October), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$8.42 lower than last month and \$2.94 lower than October 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:

- \$1.9139 per dK decrease in the commodity cost of gas.
- No change in pipeline costs.

The decrease in commodity cost is attributed to expectations that U.S. supplies of natural gas will be ample for the cold-weather months.

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>.