

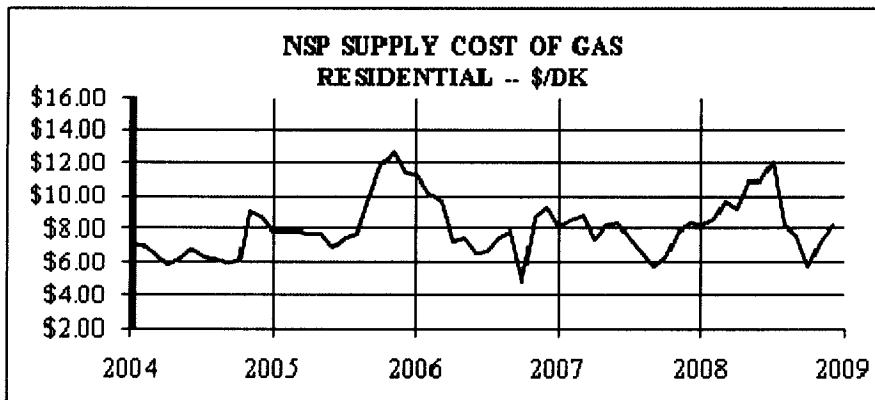
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Cost of Gas

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NSP is increasing the cost of gas by **\$0.9627** 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 December 1, 2008. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas from \$7.2925 per dK to **\$8.25525** per dK.

For residential consumption of 13.6 dk (representative of December), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$13.09 higher than last month and \$2.72 lower than December 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:

- \$0.9785 per dK increase in the commodity cost of gas.
- \$0.0158 per dK decrease in pipeline costs.

The increase in commodity cost is attributed to anticipation of cooler weather and the first significant storage withdrawals of the season.

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>.