

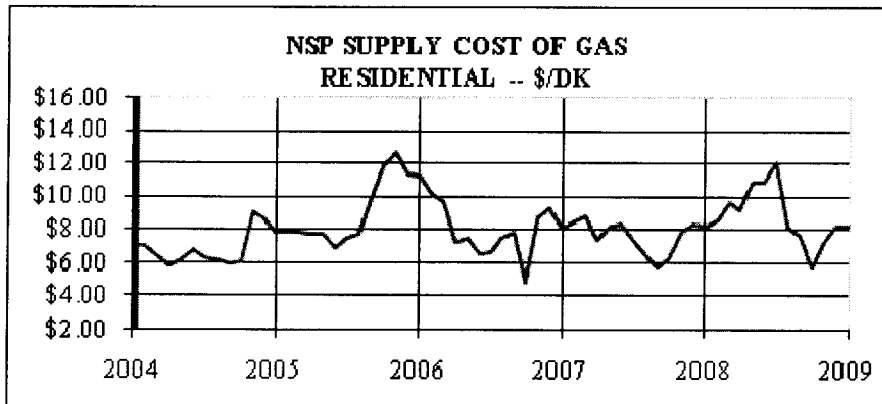
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**Northern States Power Company
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Cost of Gas**

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NSP is increasing the cost of gas by **\$0.0779** 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 January 1, 2009. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas from \$8.2552 per dK to **\$8.3331** per dK.

For residential consumption of 15.5 dk (representative of January), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$1.21 higher than last month and \$1.61 higher than January 2008. 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:

- \$0.1020 per dK increase in the commodity cost of gas.
- \$0.0241 per dK decrease in pipeline costs.

The increase in commodity cost is attributed to winter market fluctuations, but commodity costs remain relatively flat as demand for natural gas is foreseen to be poor amid economy driven industrial shutdowns, lower residential and commercial load, and relatively flat demand for gas-fired electric generation.

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>.