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July 13, 2021

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service
Commission
State Capitol Building
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Cost of Gas Adjustment (COG)
Rate 88
Case No. PU-21-010

On July 8, 2021, Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains), a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., participated in an Informal Hearing with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) on the Cost of Gas Adjustment and the associated tariff. The Company proposed a 22-month timeframe (August 1, 2021 through May 31, 2023) for the under-collected balance. During the hearing, the Commission requested the Company update the proposed recovery timeframe to include scenarios reflecting a 14, 15, and 16-month timeframe starting August 1, 2021.

The table below represents the changes on the customer classes.

	Firm	Interruptible
22 mo. (August 1, 2021- May 31, 2023)	\$1.0371	\$1.1354
14 mo. (August 1, 2021- September 30, 2022)	\$1.9667	\$1.9344
15 mo. (August 1, 2021- October 31, 2022)	\$1.8467	\$1.8187
16 mo. (August 1, 2021- November 30, 2022)	\$1.6681	\$1.6745

The following Exhibits are provided in support of the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment to be effective August 1, 2021:

- Exhibit 1 shows the anticipated amortization of the under recovered gas costs as of April 30, 2021 for the 14, 15, and 16-month scenarios.
- Exhibit 2 demonstrates the impact that each of Great Plains' proposed recovery scenarios will have on an average residential customer using 80 dk annually.

Please contact me at (701) 222-7855 or travis.jacobson@mdu.com if you have any questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Travis R. Jacobson

Travis R. Jacobson
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

**GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.
GAS COST RECONCILIATION ADJUSTMENT
APPLICABLE TO NORTH DAKOTA
FIRM**

TO BE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

(Over)/under recovered gas costs @ April 30, 2021: \$593,350

Less projected recovery from rates already established:

	Volume	Rate	Amount
May	8,100	\$0.0000	\$0

Additional recovery required \$593,350

Projected sales volumes (dk)

August 2021	4,900	
September	6,500	
October	19,500	
November	34,200	
December	49,100	
January 2022	54,900	
February	45,600	
March	36,700	
April	20,700	
May	8,200	
June	4,800	
July	5,000	
August	5,000	
September	6,600	
Total		<u>301,700</u>

Total gas cost reconciliation adjustment
to be effective August 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. \$1.9667

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INTERRUPTIBLE
TO BE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

(Over)/under recovered gas costs @ April 30, 2021: \$1,569,371

Less projected recovery from rates already established:

	Volume	Rate	Amount
May	53,800	\$0.0000	\$0

Additional recovery required \$1,569,371

Projected sales volumes (dk)

August 2021	39,900	
September	31,900	
October	51,600	
November	74,300	
December	88,200	
January 2022	87,900	
February	77,100	
March	73,800	
April	64,400	
May	53,800	
June	49,900	
July	46,700	
August	39,900	
September	31,900	
Total		<u>811,300</u>

Total gas cost reconciliation adjustment
to be effective August 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. \$1.9344

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FIRM
TO BE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2022**

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	Volume	Rate	Amount
May	8,100	\$0.0000	\$0

Additional recovery required \$593,350

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September	6,500	
October	19,500	
November	34,200	
December	49,100	
January 2022	54,900	
February	45,600	
March	36,700	
April	20,700	
May	8,200	
June	4,800	
July	5,000	
August	5,000	
September	6,600	
October	19,600	
Total		<u>321,300</u>

Total gas cost reconciliation adjustment
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Less projected recovery from rates already established:			
	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
May	53,800	\$0.0000	\$0
Additional recovery required			<u><u>\$1,569,371</u></u>
Projected sales volumes (dk)			
August 2021		39,900	
September		31,900	
October		51,600	
November		74,300	
December		88,200	
January 2022		87,900	
February		77,100	
March		73,800	
April		64,400	
May		53,800	
June		49,900	
July		46,700	
August		39,900	
September		31,900	
October		51,600	
Total			<u>862,900</u>
Total gas cost reconciliation adjustment to be effective August 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022.			<u><u>\$1.8187</u></u>

**GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.
GAS COST RECONCILIATION ADJUSTMENT
APPLICABLE TO NORTH DAKOTA
FIRM**

TO BE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2022

(Over)/under recovered gas costs @ April 30, 2021: \$593,350

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Additional recovery required \$593,350

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April	20,700	
May	8,200	
June	4,800	
July	5,000	
August	5,000	
September	6,600	
October	19,600	
November	34,400	
Total		<u>355,700</u>

Total gas cost reconciliation adjustment
to be effective August 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022. \$1.6681

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March	73,800	
April	64,400	
May	53,800	
June	49,900	
July	46,700	
August	39,900	
September	31,900	
October	51,600	
November	74,300	
Total		937,200

Total gas cost reconciliation adjustment
to be effective August 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022. **\$1.6745**

