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

Re: Gas Cost Reconciliation (GCR)
Case No. PU-22-010

Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains), a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., submitted a 14-month plan to recover the net under-collected gas costs largely associated with the February 2021 Cold Weather Event. The Company also requested a waiver to Section 4 of Great Plains' Cost of Gas – Natural Gas Rate 88 Tariff which referenced that the GCR would be performed annually effective June of each year.

This plan was approved by the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) on July 28, 2021 and is effective from August 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Due to higher than forecasted volumes and monthly over recovery of gas cost, Great Plains is now in an over-collected position for both the firm general customers and interruptible customers. Given that the current GCR is \$1.9667 per dk for firm general customers and \$1.9344 per dk for interruptible customers, Great Plains again requests a waiver of its tariff so that this surcharge may be set to \$0.0000 from July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022 to avoid any further over collection during that time period.

As noted above, section 4 of Great Plains' Cost of Gas – Natural Gas Rate 88 Tariff references the Gas Cost Reconciliation calculation to be performed annually effective in October of each year and references the time and manner of filing. As such, Great Plains requests a waiver to these provisions and request the Commission approval to implement a change to the GCR effective of July 1, 2022. Great Plains asserts this will benefit its customers and is in the public interest.

Attachment A demonstrates Great Plains' current over-recovered gas cost balance as of April 30, 2022. This same information was provided as Attachment D of the June Cost of Gas Adjustment associated with Case No. PU-22-010 which was filed on May 31, 2022.

If you have questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (701) 222-7855 or travis.jacobson@mdu.com

Sincerely,

/s/ Travis R. Jacobson

Travis R. Jacobson
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

**GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.
COMPUTATION OF (OVER) / UNDER RECOVERED GAS COST ACCOUNT BALANCE
APPLICABLE TO NORTH DAKOTA
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	(Over) Under Recovery	Interest 1/ Interest	Total Net Additions	Actual Dk Sales	Adjustment Per Dk	Total Adjustment Amount	Net Change- Additions less Adjustment	Cumulative Balance
Balance @ April 30, 2021								\$593,350
May 2021	(\$32,394)	\$7	(\$32,387)	20,391	\$0.0000	\$0	(\$32,387)	560,963
June	(7,363)	14	(7,349)	9,436	0.0000	0	(7,349)	553,614
July	(17,733)	17	(17,716)	5,746	0.0000	0	(17,716)	535,898
August	(3,909)	17	(3,892)	5,306	1.9667	3,472	(7,364)	528,534
September	(10,424)	13	(10,411)	5,657	1.9667	11,126	(21,537)	506,997
October	(14,404)	16	(14,388)	6,575	1.9667	12,931	(27,319)	479,678
November	(15,099)	15	(15,084)	16,545	1.9667	32,539	(47,623)	432,055
December	43,697	16	43,713	39,236	1.9667	77,165	(33,452)	398,603
January 2022	(98,704)	37	(98,667)	55,855	1.9667	109,850	(208,517)	190,086
February	(87,887)	37	(87,850)	58,447	1.9667	114,948	(202,798)	(12,712)
March	(40,964)	(7)	(40,971)	61,908	1.9667	121,754	(162,725)	(175,437)
April	(33,627)	(118)	(33,745)	34,896	1.9667	68,630	(102,375)	(277,812)
Total	(\$318,811)	\$64	(\$318,747)	319,998		\$552,415	(\$871,162)	
Balance @ April 30, 2022								(\$277,812)

1/ Interest calculated at the 3 Month Treasury Bill Rate.

2/ Reflects 3,540.1 dk @ \$0.000 and 1,765.4 dk @ \$1.9667.

**GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.
COMPUTATION OF (OVER) / UNDER RECOVERED GAS COST ACCOUNT BALANCE
APPLICABLE TO NORTH DAKOTA
INTERRUPTIBLE**

	(Over) Under Recovery	Interest 1/ 2	Total Net Additions	Actual Dk Sales	Adjustment Per Dk	Total Adjustment Amount	Net Change- Additions less Adjustment	Cumulative Balance
Balance @ April 30, 2021								\$1,569,371
May 2021	\$7,449	\$20	\$7,469	73,643	\$0.0000	\$0	\$7,469	1,576,840
June	2,030	40	2,070	70,780	0.0000	0	2,070	1,578,910
July	13,132	49	13,181	60,707	0.0000	0	13,181	1,592,091
August	1,704	50	1,754	58,285	1.9344	23,426	(21,672)	1,570,419
September	(92,713)	39	(92,674)	61,252	1.9344	118,486	(211,160)	1,359,259
October	(4,462)	43	(4,419)	63,438	1.9344	122,714	(127,133)	1,232,126
November	(3,368)	39	(3,329)	75,241	1.9344	145,546	(148,875)	1,083,251
December	(34,529)	41	(34,488)	104,473	1.9344	202,093	(236,581)	846,670
January 2022	(19,431)	79	(19,352)	105,896	1.9344	204,845	(224,197)	622,473
February	(71,898)	128	(71,770)	114,962	1.9344	222,382	(294,152)	328,321
March	17,531	89	17,620	122,882	1.9344	237,703	(220,083)	108,238
April	3,397	63	3,460	76,004	1.9344	147,022	(143,562)	(35,324)
Total	(\$181,158)	\$680	(\$180,478)	987,563		\$1,424,217	(\$1,604,695)	(\$35,324)

Balance @ April 30, 2022

- 1/ Interest calculated at the 3 Month Treasury Bill Rate.
- 2/ Reflects 46,174.9 dk @ \$0.000 and 12,110.4 dk @ \$1.9344.