

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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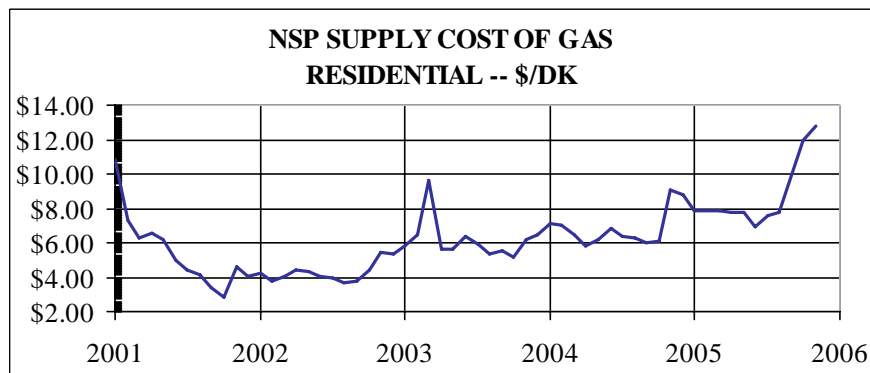
**Northern States Power Company
November 2005
Cost of Gas Adjustment**

**PU-05-588
Filed 10/31/2005**

SUMMARY:

NSP is increasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$0.8452 per dekatherm (dk) compared to last month. This gas adjustment will be applied to natural gas used by NSP residential customers on and after November 2, 2005. This filing changes the residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$11.9118 per dK to \$12.7570 per dK.

For residential consumption of 10.7 dk (representative of November), the cost of gas in the bill will be approximately \$10.07 higher than last month and \$39.45 higher than November 2004. As of December 31, 2004, NSP served 35,731 NSP residential gas customers, and a total of 42,095 NSP gas customers, in Fargo, Grand Forks and surrounding communities.



The increase for residential customers results from:

- \$0.2567 per dk increase in the commodity cost of gas; and
- \$0.5885 increase in demand costs.

The increase in commodity cost of gas is correlated to the high crude oil prices over the past several months and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Gas market prices in the upcoming heating season will be significantly affected by ability to bring production facilities in the Gulf of Mexico back into service. The increase in demand costs is due to implementation of the Winter Demand unit cost provided under NSP's Cost of Gas Rider.

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>.

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I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's cost of gas adjustment for November 2005, Case No. PU-05-588.

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