

**BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**SOUTH DAKOTA INTRASTATE PIPELINE COMPANY**

**DOCKET NG92-005**

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**TESTIMONY OF  
STEVEN M. WEGMAN**

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**ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION STAFF**

**DECEMBER, 1992**

**BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company  
Application for Authority to Establish  
Rates for Natural Gas Transmission Service  
in South Dakota

Docket No. NG92-005  
**Testimony of Steven M. Wegman**  
On Behalf of the Commission Staff  
December, 1992

1       Q.     Please state your name, occupation and business address.

2       A.     My name is Steven M. Wegman and I am employed as a Staff Analyst with the  
3             Fixed Utilities Division of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. My  
4             business address is South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, 500 East Capitol  
5             Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501-5070.

6       Q.     Please describe your educational and professional background.

7       A.     I attended South Dakota State University from 1972-1977, majoring in Civil  
8             Engineering. After attending South Dakota State University, I was employed  
9             with the South Dakota Department of Transportation as an Engineering  
10            Technician. In 1979 I was employed with the Governor's Office of Energy  
11            Policy as an Assistant Solar Officer, my principle duties included analysis of  
12            energy use for numerous structures. Additionally, I presented energy auditing  
13            workshops to utility companies, state personnel and weatherization personnel.  
14            In 1983 I became the Director of the Alternative Energy Program for the  
15            Governor's Office of Energy Policy, my primary duties were to develop energy  
16            programs for the State of South Dakota and advise the Governor on energy  
17            related matters. I started my present position with the Commission in March of  
18            1990.

1 My primary responsibilities with the Commission include the review and  
2 presentation of demand side management programs, making recommendations  
3 on electric and natural gas rates and tariffs, and advising the Commission on  
4 the various engineering and technical matters that come before the  
5 Commission.

6 Q. Are you familiar with South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company's (SDIPC)  
7 application for natural gas rates in South Dakota?

8 A. Yes. I have reviewed SDIPC's prefiled testimony, exhibits, working papers and  
9 data responses that were supplied by SDIPC at the request of Commission  
10 Staff pertinent to the preparation of my testimony.

11 Q. What is your responsibility in this case?

12 A. The purpose of my testimony is to review the estimates of natural gas sales or  
13 throughput, conversions rates and the cost of competing fuels which are  
14 reflected by SDIPC in their filing.

15 Q. How did SDIPC estimate the annual gas throughput on their proposed  
16 transmission pipeline?

17 A. SDIPC's throughput estimate (which for the most part has results identical to  
18 those of the survey conducted for the City of Pierre by K.A.L. Inc.) is primarily  
19 based on a survey that the SDIPC conducted for the City of Pierre in December  
20 of 1991. There were 6100 surveys mailed. 6100 approximates the number of  
21 electric meters in Pierre at that time. The survey results indicated that  
22 approximately 50% of the residential, 50% of the small commercial and 65% of  
23 the large commercial customers returned the survey cards. The Company then  
24 assumed that the results of the returned survey cards would mirror the

1 unreturned survey cards. Other assumptions used were that electric baseboard  
2 heating would not convert to natural gas, efficiency savings of 15%, average  
3 residential annual usage of 90 mcf and small and large commercial customers  
4 average annual usage of 300 mcf. The estimate also included the conversion  
5 of the following buildings: State Capitol, Indian Learning Center, St. Mary's  
6 Hospital, Buhl Cleaners, Pierre Public Schools, JES Farms and Fort Pierre.  
7 The result of the Pierre study indicated that there appears to be a potential  
8 immediate market of 587,000 mcf. The detail for the study can be found on  
9 Attachment #1 and #2 to the July 22, 1992 letter to Greg Rislov from Walter  
10 Woods.

11 Q. Do you have any information that would show the number of residential,  
12 commercial and industrial customers in the City of Pierre?  
13

14 A. Yes. I have obtained the following information from the City of Pierre for the  
15 month of October 1992 for the City of Pierre:

- 16 a) 5,400 residential electric meters
- 17 b) 622 commercial electric meters
- 18 c) 3,654 residential water meters
- 19 d) 572 commercial water meters

20 I have also obtained the following information from the Hughes County Director  
21 of Equalization for the month of October 1992 for the City of Pierre:

- 22 a) 3,125 single family housing units
- 23 b) 650 manufactured homes

24 From the aforementioned information one could estimate that there are  
25 approximately 1,625 [5,400 minus (3,125 plus 650)] apartment units in the City  
26 of Pierre. Approximately 80% of these units utilize electric baseboard heat.

1 Q. What are the primary sources for space and water heating in Pierre?

2 A. The heating fuels that are utilized for space heating and water heating in the  
3 City of Pierre at the present time are fuel oil, propane, electricity, wood and  
4 coal.

5 Q. Have you performed a formal study to determine the market share of each of  
6 the aforementioned fuels for the City of Pierre?

7 A. No, neither I nor anyone else have performed what I would classify as a formal  
8 study to determine the market share of each type of fuel that is utilized for  
9 space and water heating in the City of Pierre. My testimony is based upon a  
10 number of factors, including: a) My employment with the Governor's Office of  
11 Energy Policy, b) Years of contacts with fuel suppliers, city officials, building  
12 and heating contractors in the City of Pierre, and c) A residential energy  
13 survey that I conducted for the City of Fort Pierre in 1987. The results of that  
14 survey indicated that the market share for space heating was as follows:

- 15 a) 25% fuel oil
- 16 b) 35% propane
- 17 c) 39% electric
- 18 d) 1% other

19 I have also conducted an informal survey of the 3,775 (3,125 plus 650) single  
20 family residential housing units in the City of Pierre. The market share results  
21 are as follows:

- 22 1) Space heating
  - 23 a) 15% fuel oil or 566 units
  - 24 b) 45% propane or 1,699 units
  - 25 c) 40% electricity or 1,510 units

1           2) Water heating

          a) 70% electricity or 2,643 units

3           b) 30% propane or 1,132 units

4           Q.    Have you prepared any exhibits that reflect the informal survey results detailed  
5           above for the City of Pierre to determine potential natural gas conversions and  
6           estimated annual usage from those conversions?

7           A.    Yes. My Exhibit\_\_(SMW-2) entitled Pierre Estimated Conversions And Usage  
8           reflects the abovementioned informal survey results.

9           Q.    Please explain the format and assumptions used in Exhibit\_\_(SMW-2).

10          A.    The exhibit is broken out into the following categories: single family residential  
11          housing units-space heating and water heating, apartment units--space heating  
12          and water heating, commercial customers and other customers (mainly potential  
13          large users). I have further bisected the space and water heating categories  
14          by fuel use (fuel oil, propane and electricity) for the categories of single family  
15          residential and apartment units. This exhibit reflects the assumptions that: 1)  
16          50% of existing fuel oil furnaces would convert to natural gas when their  
17          furnace needs replacing, and 2) that the average life for a fuel oil furnace is  
18          approximately 20 years. The bases for the assumptions are the high cost of  
19          the conversion to natural gas, in the range of \$1,600 to \$2,500, the effect of  
20          competition on fuel oil prices, and the average service life of the fuel oil  
21          furnace, which is generally longer than the 20 year life. A homeowner could  
22          significantly extend the life and improve the efficiency of a fuel oil furnace by  
23          replacing the burner assembly. This is accomplished at a cost much lower than  
24          converting to a natural gas furnace. I have reflected 42 conversions from fuel  
25          oil furnaces to natural gas in the first two years of SDIPC's operation. This  
3          compares favorably with information that I obtained from the Governor's Office

1 of Energy Policy (GOEP) which reported 55 furnace replacements to propane in  
2 the past 24 month period, a period in which GOEP provided low interest  
3 financing for furnace replacement.

4 Q. What assumptions did you utilize for the residential propane space heating  
5 customers?

6 A. I assumed that 70% of these customers would convert to natural gas after five  
7 years with 60% of those customers converting in the first year, 10% more (70%  
8 of the 70%) the second year, 15% (85%) the third year, 5% (90)% the fourth  
9 year and 10% (100%) the fifth year (conversion percentages by year are based  
10 on local gas distribution companies actual conversion experience). My  
11 assumptions are based on conversion cost versus savings generated by fuel  
12 switching, after determination of an acceptable payback period (if savings are  
13 positive). In addition, competition will typically bring the price of propane down,  
14 tank rental fees would likely be reduced or eliminated to meet competition, and  
15 current homeowners may suffer from a modicum of inertia, may have little  
16 interest in changing fuel source, or simply may not want their lawn disturbed to  
17 obtain natural gas.

18 Q. What is the approximate cost for converting to natural gas from propane for a  
19 typical space heating customer?

20 A. The cost ranges from \$150 to \$500 dependent on the applicable building code  
21 which may, for example, allow natural gas distributors to use existing interior  
22 propane piping. If a propane furnace has been installed within the last five  
23 years, conversion costs could be at the lower end of the range or approximately  
24 \$150.

25 Q. What assumptions did you utilize for residential electric space heating

1 customers?

2 A. I assumed that there would be no conversions from electric space heating to  
3 natural gas in the first five years. My assumptions are based on conversion  
4 costs, the price of electricity, and efficient heat pumps. Customers that heat  
5 their homes with electricity generally utilize baseboard units or a heat pump.  
6 Homeowners with baseboard heating systems would be unlikely to switch to  
7 natural gas because cost of conversion would be prohibitive as one would need  
8 the furnace along with all the accompanying ductwork. SDIPC's survey  
9 (Attachment #1, July 22, 1992 letter to Greg Rislov from Walter Woods)  
10 appears to recognize these facts as it eliminates baseboard heating units from  
11 the potential market. I have not included any conversions from heat pumps to  
12 natural gas simply because heat pumps are more efficient than other sources of  
13 fuel, with a coefficient of performance of 2.1, and the electric rate in Pierre is  
14 relatively inexpensive. The coefficient of performance of 2.1 means that for  
15 every kilowatt of energy consumed in the unit it will produce 2.1 kilowatts of  
16 heat. Therefore if a homeowner converts to natural gas, the homeowner would  
17 be installing a furnace that uses more btu's for heating a given space. For  
18 example, a heat pump with a coefficient of performance of 2.1 and an electric  
19 rate of 3.8 cents per kwh will have a cost of approximately \$5.30 per million  
20 btu's. This would be comparable to the price of natural gas at \$6.48 per million  
21 btu's with a 90% efficient furnace.

22 Q. What assumptions did you make in regard to the single family residential water  
23 heating load in the City of Pierre?

24 A. As shown on Exhibit\_\_(SMW-3), page 1 of 3, 30% of the water heating load is  
25 propane and the remainder is electric. I assumed that the propane water  
26 heaters would convert in the same manner as the detail provided for the  
27 propane space heating load. I also assume that there will be no conversions of



1 electric water heaters to natural gas based on the price of electricity, efficiency  
2 ratings, and conversion costs. According to the American Council For An  
3 Energy Efficient Economy Report for 1991, the typical electric water heater has  
4 a seasonal efficiency rating of approximately 90% while the typical propane or  
5 natural gas water heater has a seasonal efficiency rating of approximately 55%.  
6 The cost to convert from electric to a natural gas water heater is approximately  
7 \$750, which includes the installation of proper venting. As an example, if  
8 natural gas sold for \$6.00 per million btu's and the natural gas water heater had  
9 an efficiency rating of 55% with resultant annual usage of 20 million btu's, the  
10 annual cost for water heating would be approximately \$174.00. Using the  
11 abovementioned assumptions, the annual cost of an electric water heater would  
12 be approximately \$245.00, thus a savings of approximately \$71.00. The  
13 payback period (payback analyses fail to account for the time value of money,  
14 so usage of simple payback may seriously understate true recovery periods) for  
15 installing a natural gas water heater would be approximately 10.5 years  
16 (750/71).

17 If time value of money is considered as part of the cost, and if the nominal rate  
18 of interest is 10%, there would actually be a loss in conversion, as the \$750  
19 would cost \$75 per year before compounding of interest. \$71 would thus be  
20 saved at a \$75 cost.

21 Q. How did you determine the annual usages for residential space heating and  
22 water heating?

23 A. I used the results of a study performed in 1986 by the South Dakota Energy  
24 Office entitled Energy Savings and Cost-Effectiveness In the South Dakota  
25 Housing Development Authority Energy Efficiency Program New Construction  
26 and Retrofit Study. The applicable results were that an average South Dakota  
27 residential home uses approximately 75 million btu's for space heating and

1 approximately 20 million btu's for water heating per year.

2 Q. Could you explain the assumptions that you utilized for the apartment units in  
3 Pierre?

4 A. Yes. There are approximately 1625 apartment units in the City of Pierre,  
5 approximately 80% are heated with electricity and the remainder are heated  
6 with fuel oil. I assumed that virtually no apartment units with electric heat would  
7 convert to natural gas, based on the same assumptions enumerated for single  
8 family residential housing units. Additionally, landlords would have little  
9 incentive to convert to natural gas as the vast majority of the tenants are  
10 directly paying the heating bill. I assumed that the apartments which use fuel  
11 oil for space heating would convert to natural gas at the same rate determined  
12 for conversion of the single family residential units. Since almost no apartments  
13 are heated with propane, it's a reasonable assumption that all apartment water  
14 heaters are electric as well and therefore will not convert.

15  
16 Q. Would you please explain your determination of commercial conversions and  
17 consumption?

18 A. I adopted SDIPC's assumption of 300 million btu's per commercial customer,  
19 and the City of Pierre's October 1992 listing of commercial water meters. It  
20 should be noted that the City's list included 572 commercial water meters, and  
21 747 commercial electric meters. The reason for the difference is multiple  
22 metering of electric service for commercial buildings.

23 I then assume that 90% of the commercial buildings would convert to natural  
24 gas because:

- 25 1) Higher heating costs per square foot than residential

- 1 buildings, therefore greater potential savings;
- 2) Elimination of fuel tanks, with corresponding elimination of  
3 tank maintenance, tank unsightliness, tank storage areas,  
4 and liability; and
- 5 3) Improved efficiencies.

6 Q. Have you determined the annual usage of the commercial customers?

7 A. Yes. Exhibit\_(SMW-2), Page 3 of 3 lists estimated consumption for each of the  
8 first five years.

9 Q. Does your commercial classification depicted above include all of the  
10 commercial customers?

11 A. No. It includes what may generally be thought of as a small commercial  
12 classification. It simplifies the analysis to categorize as a group and then apply  
13 assumptions to the group as a whole. However, there are normally customers  
14 in the commercial and/or industrial class of customer whose usage is so  
15 significant in terms of system consumption that it is better for analytical  
16 purposes to consider each customer separately. I have done that on  
17 Exhibit\_(SMW-2), Page 3 of 3, and have listed them as "Other Customers".

18 Q. What have you done to estimate the potential usage of these businesses?

19 A. I have contacted the business owners or the physical plant operators for the  
20 following information:

- 21 1) Past five years' fuel usage,  
22 2) Reasons for converting to natural gas,  
23 3) Retention of fuel switching capability,

- 1                   4) Consideration of bypassing the local distribution company, and  
2                   5) Fuel cost data.

3                   On lines 7-15 of my above cited exhibit I've listed the "Other Customers", have  
4 shown potential consumption for those which have stated they may consider  
5 conversion, and have placed zeroes for those which stated they wouldn't  
6 convert absent a competitive cost per btu. Given the current cost per btu for  
7 their present fuel source and comparing that cost to a conservative (low) natural  
8 gas cost estimate, it appears fairly certain that no near term conversion would  
9 occur for those which have been listed at zero.

10                  The total consumption for this category is estimated at 52,800 MMBtu's.

11                Q.    There is a Fort Pierre listing in the "Other" category. What does this signify?

12                A.    For purposes of ease of categorization, I listed all of the City of Fort Pierre  
13 under this category and assigned it no load.

14                Q.    Why have you chosen to ignore potential Fort Pierre load?

15                A.    There must be a pipeline crossing of the Missouri River before Ft. Pierre can  
16 obtain natural gas. To date, no one has determined if or when the crossing can  
17 be accomplished.

18                Q.    What other differences are there between yours vs. SDIPC's estimate of this  
19 category's load?

20                A.    I included a heating load for the Federal Building, Public Safety Building, and  
21 the DCI Building. SDIPC did not. The latter two buildings are part of the state  
22 complex, but have a heating system separate from the rest of the complex.

1 They therefore may benefit from a conversion.

2 Q. Does this complete your City of Pierre estimate?

3 A. Yes. On the bottom of Page 3 of 3 there is total listed consumption for each of  
4 the first five years. The total for the first year is 210,200 MMbtu's, and the fifth  
5 year total is 320,715 MMbtu's.

6 Q. What have you estimated for consumption in other communities?

7 A. The estimation process for consumption outside of Pierre is fraught with  
8 assumptions, absent a town-by-town market survey. After reviewal of  
9 expansion projects undertaken by other companies, and given my knowledge of  
10 the towns involved, I decided to use a ratio based upon the prior expansions  
11 and what we have determined for consumption and conversions in the City of  
12 Pierre. This ratio is applied to population.

13 Q. Have you, in determination of this ratio, reflected any differences between  
14 Pierre and the other communities?

15 A. One notable difference is the percentage of those with electric heat. While we  
16 assume 40% of Pierre residents heat with electricity and probably won't be  
17 interested in conversion, we estimated that in outlying towns only 10% of the  
18 heating load would remain electric.

19 Q. Where have you displayed your calculation of consumption in outlying  
20 communities along the pipeline route?

21 A. On Exhibit\_(SMW-3).

1 Q. Would you explain the development of Exhibit\_(SMW-3)?

2 A. I develop and apply per fuel source, MMbtu consumption percentages to the  
3 population in Pierre. I then apply those percentages (subject to the electric  
4 exception mentioned above) to the population of the outlying communities. I  
5 would note that I've used SDIPC's population list. SDIPC's list is higher than  
6 what the latest census would suggest, and includes the towns of Mobridge and  
7 Glenham. I decided to use SDIPC's population numbers, but I did exclude both  
8 Glenham and Mobridge as this filing is not designed to account for the cost of  
9 serving those towns.

10 Q. What is your total estimate of SDIPC sales?

11 A. My total estimate appears on Exhibit\_(SMW-1). I list the first five years on this  
12 exhibit.

13 Q. Staff Witness Rislov has developed a levelized cost of service for ten years  
14 based upon your sales estimate. What have you done to develop the sales for  
15 years six through ten?

16 A. I assumed continued conversions of fuel oil heating systems based upon a 20-  
17 year life per system, with uniform replacement (1/20th per year); the remaining  
18 30% of unconverted propane systems would convert; when a propane space  
19 heating system was converted, the water heating would be converted as well;  
20 the remaining fuel oil apartments would convert; and the remaining small  
21 commercial would convert. Although one could expect these conversions to  
22 occur uniformly over some period of time, I assumed all conversions would be  
23 effective in year six. This totalled to an additional 71,000 MMbtu's. I then  
24 added another 35,000 MMbtu's (as a gratuitous addition) to equal a total sales  
5 in years six through ten of 600,000 MMbtu's. It's fair to state that my

1 assumptions should result in overstatement as I've generously added MMbtu  
2 sales (to obtain a conservative number from SDIPC's view) in years six through  
3 ten over what my analysis seems to indicate. My numbers may further be  
4 overstated as I have not accounted for any efficiency gains.

5 Q. Are efficiency gains a concern?

6 A. Most certainly. We have witnessed remarkable efficiency gains over the past  
7 fifteen years related to natural gas consumption. Heating loads have  
8 decreased consumption by 20+ percent since 1978.

9 SDIPC has reflected an efficiency adjustment, but again, in the interest of  
10 conservatism and given the uncertainty already inherent in the sales estimate,  
11 I've chosen not to do so.

12 Q. What is the purpose of Exhibit\_(SMW-4) and \_(SMW-5)?

13 A. There has been a lot of questioning and confusion related to comparable fuel  
14 source consumption and costs. Exhibit\_(SMW-4) lists on the left hand column  
15 a graded scale of cost differences per million btu's. The next three columns,  
16 labelled 75, 95, and 300, are simply three selected annual consumption  
17 amounts. To use the chart, one must determine potential savings, on a per  
18 MMbtu basis, related to usage of a fuel source. If it's \$.50, and usage is 75  
19 MMbtu annually, the cost differential is \$37.50. One would save \$37.50 from  
20 fuel switching before consideration of conversion costs. The second part of this  
21 exhibit states, on a simple payback basis, how long it takes to recover the  
22 conversion costs based upon annual fuel savings. So, following our example, if  
23 your annual fuel savings were \$37.50, and you spent \$500 converting your  
24 system, it would take 13.3 years to recover your conversion cost. This analysis'  
25 failure to account for the time value of money could lead to erroneous

1 conclusions, however, as I stated earlier in my testimony.

2 Exhibit\_(SMW-5) develops per MMbtu comparable costs for natural gas,  
3 propane, and fuel oil.

4 Q. Have you anything further to add?

5 A. It should be noted that while I've incorporated no specific growth adjustment, I  
6 have liberally allowed, as covered fully above, a large amount of sales which  
7 cannot be justified within the context of my analysis.

8 The purpose of my testimony is to establish a sales estimate which is derived  
9 on a basis more detailed than the studies done by K.A.L. Inc., and SDIPC. I  
10 realize that my numbers are not as supportive of the construction of the  
11 pipeline, but my purpose was not to necessarily develop a rosy view. I have  
12 attempted to be objective. However, I also realize that we as a staff do not  
13 have a wealth of experience in estimating sales for new companies and  
14 communities. SDIPC and its consultants, given the risk of loss, must have  
15 some basis for the seemingly optimistic sales estimate they provide. I therefore  
16 would prefer that the Commission and other parties treat my estimate as an  
17 objective attempt at sales measurement, and I would defer to SDIPC's estimate  
18 for purposes of rate design.

19 Q. I have no further questions.



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**South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company  
Total Towns Conversions and Usage  
December, 1992**

	(Million BTU's)	Annual Usage Pierre	Annual Usage Other Towns	Total Annual Usage (Million BTU's)
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Year 1	210,200	101,960 180,320	312,160 390,520
2	Year 2	237,675	122,352 216,384	360,027 454,059
3	Year 3	278,455	147,842 261,464	426,297 539,919
4	Year 4	292,960	158,038 279,496	450,998 572,454
5	Year 5	320,715	173,332 306,544	494,047 627,259

Sources:

Column (b): Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (SMW-2) page 3 of 3

Column (c): Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (SMW-3)

**South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company  
Pierre Estimated Conversions and Usage  
December, 1992**

Pierre	Number of Housing Units	Estimated Conversions By Year	Annual Usage Per Unit (Million BTU's)	Total Annual Usage (Million BTU's)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	3,775			
<b>Space Heating</b>				
2	566			
3		14	75	1,050
4		28	75	2,100
5		42	75	3,150
6		57	75	4,275
7		71	75	5,325
8	1,699			
9		714	75	53,550
10		833	75	62,475
11		1,011	75	75,825
12		1,070	75	80,250
13		1,189	75	89,175
14	1,510			
15		0	75	0
16		0	75	0
17		0	75	0
18		0	75	0
19		0	75	0
<b>Water Heating</b>				
20	1,132			
21		475	20	9,500
22		555	20	11,100
23		674	20	13,480
24		713	20	14,260
25		792	20	15,840
26	2,643			
27		0	20	0
28		0	20	0
29		0	20	0
30		0	20	0
31		0	20	0

Sources:

Lines 1, 2, 8, 14, 20 and 26: Testimony of Staff Witness Wegman.  
 Column (c), Lines 3-7: Assume 50% convert when their furnace needs replacing and a 20 year furnace life.  
 Column (c), Lines 9-13 and Column (c) lines 21-25: Assume 70% convert after 5 years with 60% 1st year, 70% 2nd year, 85% 3rd year, 90% 4th year and 100% 5th year.  
 Column (d): Testimony of Staff Witness Wegman.

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Pierre	Number of Housing Units	Estimated Conversions By Year	Annual Usage Per Unit (Million BTU's)	Total Annual Usage (Million BTU's)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1 Apartment Units	1,625			
<b>Space Heating</b>				
2 1) 80% Electric	1,300			
3 a) Year 1		0	75	0
4 b) Year 2		0	75	0
5 c) Year 3		0	75	0
6 d) Year 4		0	75	0
7 e) Year 5		0	75	0
8 2) 20% Fuel Oil	325			
9 a) Year 1		8	75	600
10 b) Year 2		16	75	1,200
11 c) Year 3		24	75	1,800
12 d) Year 4		33	75	2,475
13 e) Year 5		41	75	3,075
<b>Water Heating</b>				
14 1) 100% Electric	1,625			
15 a) Year 1		0	20	0
16 b) Year 2		0	20	0
17 c) Year 3		0	20	0
18 d) Year 4		0	20	0
19 e) Year 5		0	20	0

Sources:

Column (b) and (d): Testimony of Staff Witness Wegman.  
Column (c), Lines 9-13: Assume 50% convert when their furnace needs replacing and a 20 year furnace life.

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Pierre	Number of Commercial Units	Estimated Conversions By Year	Annual Usage Per Unit (Million BTU's)	Total Annual Usage (Million BTU's)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1 Commercial Customers	572			
2 a) Year 1		309	300	92,700
3 b) Year 2		360	300	108,000
4 c) Year 3		438	300	131,400
5 d) Year 4		463	300	138,900
6 e) Year 5		515	300	154,500
<b>Other Customers</b>				
7 State Capitol				0
8 Indian Learning Center				2,800
9 St. Mary's Hospital				16,800
10 Buhl Cleaners				10,000
11 Pierre Public Schools				19,000
12 JES Farms				0
13 Fort Pierre				0
14 Federal Building				2,800
15 Public Safety and DCI				1,400
16 <b>TOTAL OTHER</b>				<b>52,800</b>
<b>Total Single Family Residential, Apartment, Commercial and Other</b>				
17 a) Year 1				210,200
18 b) Year 2				237,675
19 c) Year 3				278,455
20 d) Year 4				292,960
21 e) Year 5				320,715

Sources:

Columns (b), (d) and (e), Lines 7-15: Testimony of Staff Witness Wegman.  
Column (c): Assume 90% will convert in 5 years with 60% 1st year, 70% 2nd year, 85% 3rd year, 90% 4th year and 100% 5th year.

**South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company  
Other Potential Towns' Conversions and Usage  
December, 1992**

	Residential & Commercial Consumption (Million BTU's) Pierre	Pierre Population Associated With Propane & Fuel Oil	Per Capita Consumption Column (b) / (c)	Pierre Per Capita Applied to Other Cities Potential Conversions	Total Usage Other Towns (Million BTU's)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
a) Year 1	157,400	7,800	20	5,098	101,960
b) Year 2	184,875	7,800	24	5,098	122,352
c) Year 3	225,655	7,800	29	5,098	147,842
d) Year 4	240,160	7,800	31	5,098	158,038
e) Year 5	267,915	7,800	34	5,098	173,332

Sources:

- Column (b): Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (SMW-2) page 3, lines 17-21 less line 16.
- Column (c): Pierre population of 13,000 X 60% (propane and fuel oil percentages on Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (SMW-2), page 1).
- Column (e): SDIPC's letter of July 22, 1992, to Greg Rislov, attachment #2 less the towns of Glenham and Mobridge reduced by 10% to reflect electric load that will not convert.

*10,018 includes Glenham and Mobridge*  

$$\begin{array}{r} 10,018 \\ \times 90 \\ \hline 9,016 \end{array}$$

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Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (SMW-4)

## Cost Savings and Payback

December 1992

Cost Savings / Million Btu's	Average Annual Energy Usage Million Btu's			Years to Recover \$150 Conversion Cost Million Btu's			Years to Recover \$500 Conversion Cost Million Btu's		
	75	95	300	75	95	300	75	95	300
	\$0.25	\$18.75	\$23.75	\$75.00	8.0	6.3	2.0	26.7	21.1
\$0.30	22.50	28.50	90.00	6.7	5.3	1.7	22.2	17.5	5.6
\$0.35	26.25	33.25	105.00	5.7	4.5	1.4	19.0	15.0	4.8
\$0.40	30.00	38.00	120.00	5.0	3.9	1.3	16.7	13.2	4.2
\$0.45	33.75	42.75	135.00	4.4	3.5	1.1	14.8	11.7	3.7
\$0.50	37.50	47.50	150.00	4.0	3.2	1.0	13.3	10.5	3.3
\$0.55	41.25	52.25	165.00	3.6	2.9	0.9	12.1	9.6	3.0
\$0.60	45.00	57.00	180.00	3.3	2.6	0.8	11.1	8.8	2.8
\$0.65	48.75	61.75	195.00	3.1	2.4	0.8	10.3	8.1	2.6
\$0.70	52.50	66.50	210.00	2.9	2.3	0.7	9.5	7.5	2.4
\$0.75	56.25	71.25	225.00	2.7	2.1	0.7	8.9	7.0	2.2
\$0.80	60.00	76.00	240.00	2.5	2.0	0.6	8.3	6.6	2.1
\$0.85	63.75	80.75	255.00	2.4	1.9	0.6	7.8	6.2	2.0
\$0.90	67.50	85.50	270.00	2.2	1.8	0.6	7.4	5.8	1.9
\$0.95	71.25	90.25	285.00	2.1	1.7	0.5	7.0	5.5	1.8
\$1.00	75.00	95.00	300.00	2.0	1.6	0.5	6.7	5.3	1.7
\$1.05	78.75	99.75	315.00	1.9	1.5	0.5	6.3	5.0	1.6
\$1.10	82.50	104.50	330.00	1.8	1.4	0.5	6.1	4.8	1.5
\$1.15	86.25	109.25	345.00	1.7	1.4	0.4	5.8	4.6	1.4
\$1.20	90.00	114.00	360.00	1.7	1.3	0.4	5.6	4.4	1.4
\$1.25	93.75	118.75	375.00	1.6	1.3	0.4	5.3	4.2	1.3
\$1.30	97.50	123.50	390.00	1.5	1.2	0.4	5.1	4.0	1.3
\$1.35	101.25	128.25	405.00	1.5	1.2	0.4	4.9	3.9	1.2
\$1.40	105.00	133.00	420.00	1.4	1.1	0.4	4.8	3.8	1.2
\$1.45	108.75	137.75	435.00	1.4	1.1	0.3	4.6	3.6	1.1
\$1.50	112.50	142.50	450.00	1.3	1.1	0.3	4.4	3.5	1.1
\$1.55	116.25	147.25	465.00	1.3	1.0	0.3	4.3	3.4	1.1
\$1.60	120.00	152.00	480.00	1.3	1.0	0.3	4.2	3.3	1.0
\$1.65	123.75	156.75	495.00	1.2	1.0	0.3	4.0	3.2	1.0
\$1.70	127.50	161.50	510.00	1.2	0.9	0.3	3.9	3.1	1.0
\$1.75	131.25	166.25	525.00	1.1	0.9	0.3	3.8	3.0	1.0
\$1.80	135.00	171.00	540.00	1.1	0.9	0.3	3.7	2.9	0.9
\$1.85	138.75	175.75	555.00	1.1	0.9	0.3	3.6	2.8	0.9
\$1.90	142.50	180.50	570.00	1.1	0.8	0.3	3.5	2.8	0.9
\$1.95	146.25	185.25	585.00	1.0	0.8	0.3	3.4	2.7	0.9
\$2.00	150.00	190.00	600.00	1.0	0.8	0.3	3.3	2.6	0.8
\$2.05	153.75	194.75	615.00	1.0	0.8	0.2	3.3	2.6	0.8
\$2.10	157.50	199.50	630.00	1.0	0.8	0.2	3.2	2.5	0.8
\$2.15	161.25	204.25	645.00	0.9	0.7	0.2	3.1	2.4	0.8
\$2.20	165.00	209.00	660.00	0.9	0.7	0.2	3.0	2.4	0.8
\$2.25	168.75	213.75	675.00	0.9	0.7	0.2	3.0	2.3	0.7
\$2.30	172.50	218.50	690.00	0.9	0.7	0.2	2.9	2.3	0.7
\$2.35	176.25	223.25	705.00	0.9	0.7	0.2	2.8	2.2	0.7
\$2.40	180.00	228.00	720.00	0.8	0.7	0.2	2.8	2.2	0.7
\$2.45	183.75	232.75	735.00	0.8	0.6	0.2	2.7	2.1	0.7
\$2.50	187.50	237.50	750.00	0.8	0.6	0.2	2.7	2.1	0.7

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**South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company**

Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (SMW-5)

**BTU and Price Comparisons**

**December 1992**

(MMBTU'S)	Natural Gas Price Per MCF	Propane Price Per Gallon	Fuel Oil Price Per Gallon
	\$5.00	\$0.46	\$0.70
	5.25	0.48	0.74
	5.50	0.50	0.77
	5.75	0.53	0.81
	6.00	0.55	0.84
	6.25	0.57	0.88
	6.50	0.60	0.91
	6.75	0.62	0.95
	7.00	0.64	0.98

**ASSUMPTIONS:**

- 91,600 BTU'S = 1 GALLON OF PROPANE
- 140,000 BTU'S = 1 GALLON OF FUEL OIL
- 1,000,000 BTU'S = 1 MCF OF NATURAL GAS
- 1,000,000 BTU'S = 10.92 GALLONS OF PROPANE
- 1,000,000 BTU'S = 7.14 GALLONS OF FUEL OIL