

October 12, 2022

Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel
C/O Mr. Albert Johnston
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RE: SaskEnergy Rate Hike and Saskatchewan's Rental Housing Industry

Dear Mr. Johnston,

As the voice of landlords in Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Landlord Association represents hundreds of rental housing providers from across our great province, who collectively own, operate, and/or manage over 50,000 rental housing units.

On behalf of our members, I am submitting our concerns about SaskEnergy's proposal to increase its delivery and commodity rates over the next two years. The rates being put forward by SaskEnergy are significant both for rental housing providers and their tenants.

Depending on the age and infrastructure of multi-residential buildings, tenants and rental housing providers make arrangements on who pays the utility costs during a tenancy. Rising utility costs will impair a provider's ability to maintain the property due to shrinking profit margins and will undoubtedly impact tenants as they navigate higher costs on all aspects of their lives, including rent and utilities.

We understand the need to maintain the financial stability of SaskEnergy, however we would put forward that lower, more reasonable increases could maintain stability while also protecting Saskatchewan people against high energy costs. Aside from these increases, we encourage SaskEnergy to work our industry to incentivize energy-efficiency upgrades for tenants and rental housing providers, to further reduce energy costs.

We thank you for considering our concerns and hope that the Panel will provide a reasonable recommendation to the Government of Saskatchewan that balances the many needs and interests of Saskatchewan businesses, families, and individuals.

Sincerely,



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