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Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel
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Business Feedback on Proposed SaskPower Rate Increases

The Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to provide input as part of the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel's public consultation process. This submission reflects feedback gathered directly from our members across multiple sectors and is intended to share business perspectives on the proposed SaskPower rate increases, with particular attention to affordability, competitiveness, and process considerations.

Member General Feedback

Members expressed appreciation for the management of Saskatchewan's Crown utilities, while also raising concerns about the impact of rate increases on business competitiveness.

- Recognition of reliability and long-term system planning
- Growing concern about affordability and cumulative cost pressures
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Business Intensive reliance on electricity

Electricity represents a significant and unavoidable input cost for a large share of Saskatoon businesses.

- Over 70% of survey respondents indicated their operations are moderately to heavily electricity-intensive
- Limited short-term ability to reduce electricity use
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Impact on Costs, Pricing, and Margins

Members indicated that electricity rate increases directly affect operating costs and pricing decisions.

- Increased costs compress margins
- Many businesses expect costs to be passed on to customers
- Electricity rates are viewed as another added cost in an already challenging environment

Interim Rate Increases and Timing Concerns

Members raised concerns about the implementation of interim rate increases prior to the completion of the full rate review.

- Difficulty planning and budgeting with increases in place before final decisions
- Concern about the sequencing of consultation and implementation

Uncertainty and Clarity of the Process

- Feedback pointed to confusion and uncertainty surrounding how interim rates are determined and applied
- Limited clarity on timelines and decision points
- Uncertainty around how interim increases may be adjusted following the final review
- Added risk for business planning and investment decisions

Process Considerations Raised by Members

Businesses emphasized the importance of meaningful consultation occurring before rate changes take effect, including on an interim basis.

- Earlier engagement would improve understanding of the proposed increases
- Greater transparency would support better planning and confidence in the process

The Chamber recognizes the important role of the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel and the need to balance system reliability and long-term planning with affordability and economic competitiveness. We encourage a review process that provides clarity, transparency, and meaningful consultation prior to implementation, particularly where interim rate increases are contemplated.

We appreciate the Panel's consideration of this feedback and thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the review.

Sincerely,



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