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SaskPower Rate Review Panel
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Subject: Request for Implementation of a Northern Electricity Rate

Dear SaskPower Team,

I am writing on behalf of concerned residents of the Northern Village of Ile-a-la-Crosse and municipalities in Northern Saskatchewan regarding electricity rates in the region. Currently, municipalities in the North fall under the proposed standard Urban rate of \$0.15 per kWh, while special rates exist for Industry (\$0.08 per kWh) and Rural customers (\$0.13 per kWh). Given the unique circumstances and needs of Northern communities, I am requesting that SaskPower implement a Northern rate of \$0.10 per kWh.

Northern residents already face some of the highest electricity costs in the province. Combined with the rising cost of living and inflation over recent years, the current proposed rates will place a significant financial burden on households and municipalities alike. Ensuring a lower, more reasonable rate would make power more affordable and support the sustainability of northern communities.

It is also important to note that recent infrastructure upgrades to the power grid are primarily aimed at supporting increased demand from industrial developments, particularly in the uranium sector, rather than addressing the energy needs of Northern residents. New mines being developed by Denison, NextGen, Paladin, and others are driving these upgrades, yet many traditional Northern communities still lack access to essential services such as 3-phase power for municipal facilities. Communities located outside municipal boundaries often face significant costs to extend transmission lines to their homes, and basic services like natural gas remain unavailable north of Meadow Lake.

Implementing a Northern electricity rate would acknowledge the unique challenges faced by these communities and provide much-needed relief, while supporting equitable access to energy. It would also align with the principle that rates should reflect the realities of consumption and cost, rather than applying the Provincial average indiscriminately.

We respectfully urge SaskPower to consider the introduction of a Northern electricity rate of \$0.10 per kWh, to help northern residents manage their energy costs fairly and sustainably.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your response and hope to see meaningful action in support of Northern communities.

Sincerely,



Myra Matboeuf
Mayor

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