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**Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel**

400 – 2400 College Avenue  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
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RE: SaskPower 2026 and 2027 Rate Application

On behalf of the Northern Village of Beauval, we would like to formally provide feedback to the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel in speaking out against rate hikes for northern municipalities.

It is our general feeling that these upgrades being constructed in the name of stability and scalability to the power grid are done not for the residents of the North, but rather for the increased demand from growing industries, particularly in the uranium sector. With new mines being opened by Denison, NextGen, Paladin, among others, it is important to realize that these upgrades are catering to these companies needs and not traditional land users or northern municipalities. If services are requested of SaskPower, we are required to pay large 'new pole' or construction costs in order to see transmission lines built to any traditional homes located outside of municipal boundaries. Many northern communities do not even have access to services such as 3-phase power that is required for most larger municipal buildings. This is done at a significant cost to the community to bring a transmission line from the nearest 3-phase junction into the community itself. Further, services such as Natural Gas do not come any further north than the Meadow Lake and RM of Meadow Lake area. These lack of services and infrastructure do not justify consistent rate hikes from Provincial corporations such as SaskPower.

Further to this feedback, we recommend that SaskPower research and implement a Northern rate of \$0.10 per kWh that will keep rates low and affordable for the average resident.

Municipalities fit under what is classified as an Urban rate (\$0.15 per kWh, while other special rates already exist for Industry (\$0.08 per kWh) and Rural (\$0.13 per kWh), so it only makes sense that Northern municipalities pay a reasonable rate based on their consumption rather than be lumped into the Provincial average or inflated costs due to the industry in the North.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Daigneault', is written over a horizontal line.

Nick Daigneault, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
for/ Mayor Rick Laliberte  
Northern Village of Beauval