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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

To the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel,

On behalf of the Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill, we would like to formally express our opposition to proposed SaskPower rate increases and provide feedback regarding the disproportionate impact these increases have on northern municipalities.

It is our view that many of the power grid upgrades currently being constructed in the name of system stability and scalability are being driven primarily by the increased demand from expanding industrial development in northern Saskatchewan, particularly within the uranium sector. With new mining projects being advanced by companies such as Denison Mines, NexGen Energy, Paladin Energy, and others, it is important to recognize that these infrastructure investments are largely intended to support industrial expansion rather than the needs of northern residents, traditional land users, or municipalities.

At the same time, northern communities continue to face significant infrastructure and service deficiencies. When residents request SaskPower services outside municipal boundaries, they are often required to pay substantial "new pole" or construction costs in order to receive transmission line connections. Many northern municipalities still do not have access to essential infrastructure such as three-phase power, which is required for larger municipal buildings, water treatment facilities, and economic development opportunities. Extending three-phase transmission service into communities comes at considerable expense to local governments.

Further, critical services such as natural gas infrastructure do not extend beyond the Meadow Lake and RM of Meadow Lake regions. Despite these longstanding infrastructure gaps and reduced service levels, northern residents and municipalities continue to face repeated rate increases from provincial utilities such as SaskPower.

Given these realities, we recommend that SaskPower research and implement a northern electricity rate of \$0.10 per kWh to help keep electricity affordable for northern residents and communities. Currently, municipalities are generally charged under the Urban Rate structure of approximately \$0.15 per kWh, while other specialized rates already exist for industrial customers at approximately \$0.08 per kWh and rural customers at approximately \$0.13 per kWh. It is reasonable that northern municipalities receive a fair and affordable rate structure that reflects the unique challenges, higher infrastructure costs, and limited services experienced in northern Saskatchewan, rather than being grouped into a provincial average heavily influenced by industrial demand.

Northern communities should not bear increased financial burdens resulting from infrastructure expansion that is primarily intended to support large-scale industrial growth.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback regarding SaskPower's 2026 and 2027 Rate Application.

Sincerely,



Mayor Donna Janvier

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