



May 28th, 2026

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 Air Ronge, we would like to formally provide feedback to the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel regarding SaskPower's proposed rate increases. The Village of Air Ronge stands in support of the concerns raised by the Northern Village of Beauval and other northern municipalities in opposing these rate hikes.

It is our position that the infrastructure upgrades being undertaken in the name of strengthening and expanding the provincial power grid do not reflect the needs or realities of northern communities. Rather, these improvements appear to be driven primarily by the increasing demand from resource-based industries, particularly within the uranium sector. While we recognize the importance of economic development, it is critical that the burden of these upgrades is not disproportionately placed on northern residents and municipalities.

Given these ongoing deficiencies, we strongly believe that the lack of services and infrastructure in northern Saskatchewan does not justify consistent rate increases from provincial corporations such as SaskPower. Increasing rates under current conditions places undue financial strain on communities that are already operating at a disadvantage compared to southern and urban counterparts.

Considering these concerns, the Northern Village of Air Ronge supports the recommendation that SaskPower research and implement a Northern rate of \$0.10 per kWh. Establishing a fair and reduced rate for northern communities would help ensure electricity remains accessible and affordable for residents while recognizing the unique circumstances faced in the North. It is reasonable that northern municipalities be considered under a distinct rate structure rather than being grouped within the broader provincial framework that does not reflect our realities.

VILLAGE OF AIR RONGE



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Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important matter. We respectfully urge the Rate Review Panel to consider the perspectives of northern municipalities and to ensure equitable treatment in future rate decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Julie Baschuk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Mayor Julie Baschuk
Village of Air Ronge