



The Oldest Community in Saskatchewan, established in 1774
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Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel
2260 McIntyre Street
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RE: SaskPower 2026 & 2027 Rate Application

To whom it may concern,

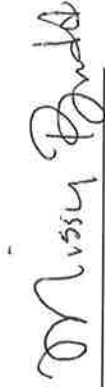
On behalf of the Northern Village of Cumberland House, we would like to formally provide feedback to the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel in speaking out against rate hikes for northern municipalities.

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 cursive script that reads "Missy Budd". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Missy Budd, Acting Administrator
for/ Mayor Ferlin McKay
Northern Village of Cumberland House