Round 2 SRRP Q12 Reference: First Round Information Request SRRP Q71 Data Centre

With reference to the following news article dated April 6, 2026:

https://www.ctvnews.ca/regina/article/planning-documents-reveal-layout-of-12-billion-data-centre-near-regina/

and the response to SRRP Q71 (d) that states SaskPower "will only offer excess capacity for the data centre project".

a) Is the timing of the developing coming online in the first half of 2027 consistent with the revenue and sales forecasts included in the application? If not, please provide an estimate of the impact on SaskPower's sales and revenue forecasts in the 2026-27 forecast.

b) With reference to the news article statement that the facility will be a 300MW data centre with a renewable energy system and a future natural gas plant, please describe:

   i. What portion of the 300 MW load SaskPower anticipates it will be requested to serve as firm service versus stand-by or contingency service;

   ii. How SaskPower expects the data centre's on-site generation resources to interact with SaskPower-supplied service, including the circumstances under which SaskPower would be required to serve load when on-site resources are unavailable; and

   iii. Whether SaskPower anticipates that serving this load, on either a firm or non-firm basis, would require incremental generation, transmission, or distribution capacity beyond existing system capability, or whether SaskPower considers such service to be fully accommodated within existing "excess capacity".

c) Please elaborate on how SaskPower intends to ensure the service reflects only 'excess capacity', including any rules or provisions for curtailments or interruptions SaskPower intends to require.

d) Is the requirement that SaskPower will only use 'excess capacity' intended to mitigate potential rate increases to other customers?

e) Please confirm if SaskPower intends to provide service to the data centre through an existing customer class or a new customer class.

   i. If an existing customer class, please specify which rate schedule would apply and any terms and conditions of service that would need to be modified to allow SaskPower to ensure it is only providing ‘excess capacity’ service to the data centre customer.

   ii. If a new customer class, please provide the proposed rates and terms and conditions of service.

   iii. If some other arrangement, including a special agreement or contract please describe the anticipated arrangement.

f) Please discuss how the incremental costs associated with serving the data centre will be allocated, including:

   i. Whether SaskPower anticipates the data centre will require new or dedicated infrastructure, such as transmission lines, substations, or upgrades; and

   ii. Whether the data centre customer will be required to pay for or directly fund any such dedicated infrastructure or system upgrades.

g) Given that SaskPower has indicated it will only offer excess capacity to the data centre project, please discuss how SaskPower views the rates it proposes would not be ‘unjustly discriminatory’ particularly when compared to firm service offered to other large power customers. In particular, please discuss:

   i. Whether SaskPower views it has an obligation to provide service including the legal or policy basis for any such obligation as well as any limits to such obligations.

   ii. Any potential issues surrounding the different standard or quality of service, such as curtailments or interruptibility, that SaskPower may require to ensure it is providing only ‘excess capacity’.

h) Has SaskPower reviewed how other jurisdictions in the US or Canada are addressing the risks and costs associated with serving large data centre loads? If yes, please provide a summary of the risks, costs and benefits identified in other jurisdictions including any known cases where serving data centre loads led to demonstrable increases in rates for other customers.

Response:

(a) The 2026-27 revenue and sales forecast included in the original Rate Application did not include the impact of the data centre. However, the provincial budget as well as the mid-application update reflect the data centre coming online in phases, with the first phase coming online in 2026-27 and the remainder in 2027-28.

The impact on the 2026-27 revenue and sales forecasts has been outlined below:

Revenue and sales forecasts

(in millions)	Forecast **2026-27**
Original Saskatchewan electricity sales	$ 3,106.5
Saskatchewan electricity sales - first phase	34.6
Revised Saskatchewan electricity sales	**$3,141.1**

(b) i) SaskPower can confirm that the data centre load will be served with both firm and interruptible supply. The rest of SaskPower's response to questions related to the Bell contract contain confidential information but a full response has been provided to the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel for their review.

ii) Response contains confidential information.

iii) Response contains confidential information.

(c) Response contains confidential information.

(d) Using excess supply will allow SaskPower to increase revenue by leveraging existing assets to serve this load. The decision to operate coal beyond its regulated end of life has allowed SaskPower to have supply available to accommodate the Bell data centre load.

(e) i) SaskPower intends to provide firm service to the data centre through existing rates (rate code E24).

ii) N/A

iii) N/A

(f) i) Bell data centre will interconnect into the grid via 2 new 230 kV services – one service will be from Regina South station, and second service will be from Rowatt station.

ii) Bell will pay 100% of the infrastructure (direct assigned facilities and any system upgrade) costs associated with their services.

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i) SaskPower intends to provide service to the Bell data centre through existing rates (rate code E24). The rest of the response contains confidential information.

ii)The response contains confidential information.

(h) SaskPower has conducted internal research and has hired industry consultants to provide insights into the challenges and risks of data centre loads and advice on industry best practices.