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Tabled by Chair Cox

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Chair, Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies
Legislative Assembly
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Chair File: Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Re: Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies - (May 15, 2018):
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During SaskEnergy's appearance before the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies on May 15, 2018, I agreed to provide some additional information. The purpose of this correspondence is to address my commitments in that respect. The following information has been provided to me by SaskEnergy officials.

Historical Rates Information:

This information on Commodity and Delivery Service Rate adjustments are public and available at the following website address:

http://www.saskenergy.com/residential/resrates_hist.asp

Tune-Up Assistance Program (TAP):

SaskEnergy introduced the TAP program in 2017 as the successor to the popular Home Energy Legacy Program (HELP). TAP assists low income homeowners with important home heating tune ups that improve safety and efficiencies, and promotes provincial awareness on the importance of furnace maintenance and their safety benefits.

The program is promoted through social media and on the SaskEnergy website throughout the summer months. Eligible candidates are selected in late August and into September. Interested applicants use an online application process.

In 2017, 127 applications were received (117 through the online system), with some outside of the targeted areas. Twenty applications were declined as they were significantly over the household income threshold or were renters (homeowner permission is required). There were 12 customers who cancelled out of the program for various reasons.

In 2017, a total of 95 homeowners in 17 communities received a Home Heating Tune-Up, a multi-gas detector that detects both natural gas and carbon monoxide; and two furnace filters. Communities were selected based on the location of SaskEnergy Network Members who provide the tune up service.

The goal in 2018 is to expand this program and reach up to 200 Saskatchewan low income households province wide, regardless of the community they reside, and assist them by having a SaskEnergy Network Home Heating Tune-Up completed on their home's furnace.

Customer Numbers For Municipal Surcharge Program

SaskEnergy currently collects Municipal Surcharge Program payments from 302,604 customers that live within the 109 municipalities currently enrolled in the program.

Salary Hold Back

Total Salary Hold Back that was paid in 2017-18 to reflect 2016-17 actual results was \$1,612,075. This includes the Executive and all out of scope employees that are eligible for the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Eyre', with a large, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Honourable Bronwyn Eyre
Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy