

EXPLANATORY NOTES
BILL
No. 14

An Act to amend *The Power Corporation Act*

**Clause
of Bill**

1 *The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2025.*

2 *The Power Corporation Act, R.S.S. 1978, c.P-19.*

3 **Existing Provision**

3(3) The corporation shall be the agent of the Crown in right of Saskatchewan, and its powers may be exercised only as such agent, but it shall not be necessary, in contracts entered into by the corporation, to make specific reference to the Crown or Her Majesty.

R.S.S. 1978, c.P-19, s.3; 1983-84, c.51, s.3;
2013, c.25, s.3; 2013, c.W-17.11, s.194; 2016,
c23, s.3.

Explanation

It is recommended that subsection 3(3) be amended to make it explicit that SaskPower subsidiaries are agents of the Crown.

4 **Existing Provision**

Ownership of property

4 All property, real and personal, and all moneys owned or acquired by the corporation, and all profits earned by the corporation, shall, subject to section 41, be the property of the Crown in right of Saskatchewan, and shall be exempt from taxation of whatever nature and description.

R.S.S. 1978, c.P-19, s.4.

Explanation

It is recommended that subsection 4 be amended to make it explicit that all property, money and profits of SaskPower subsidiaries are the property of the Crown.

5 **Existing Provision**

None

Explanation

It is recommended that a new subsection be added after subsection 8.4 to explicitly allow SaskPower to make loans and advances to and guarantee the indebtedness and the performance of any obligation of its subsidiaries.

6 **Existing Provision**

43(1) Neither the Minister of Finance nor the corporation shall borrow any money by the issue and sale of bonds, debentures or other securities or by way of temporary loans or otherwise, under the authority of this Act, where such borrowing would cause the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding bonds, debentures or other securities and outstanding temporary loans to exceed the aggregate sum of 10,000,000,000 unless the borrowing is for the purpose of paying in whole or in part any indebtedness previously incurred for the purpose of this Act.

1984-85-86, c.61, s.2. R.S.S. 1978, c.P-19, s.43; R.S.S. 1978 (Supp.), c.51, s.2; 1982-83, c.7, s.2; 1983, c.29, s.28; 1984- 85-86, c.61, s.2; 1986-87-88, c.52, s.13; 1988-89, c.42, s.77; 2013, c.25, s.18; 2016, c23, s.17

Explanation

It is recommended that subsection 43(1) be amended by increasing SaskPower's current borrowing limit of \$10 billion to \$14 billion. SaskPower's forecasts that the corporation's total borrowings will exceed the current limit of \$10 billion by approximately the middle of 2025-26. It is therefore prudent to raise SaskPower's borrowing limit before it may be exceeded.

7 **Existing Provision**

None.

Explanation

This clause indicates when *The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2025* comes into force and amends *The Power Corporation Act*.

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