

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

November 21, 2001

MINUTE NO. 16

11:08 a.m. - Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Thomson in the Chair and Members Addley, Brkich, Jones, McCall, Prebble, Wall and Yates.

Mr. Elhard substituting for Mr. Huyghebaert

Mr. Goulet substituting for Mr. Prebble (11:08 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)

2. The following documents were tabled:

CCC 78/24 SaskWater: Response by the Minister Responsible for SaskWater to questions posed by the Committee on June 21, 2001 dated July 6, 2001.

CCC 79/24 SaskTel: Document entitled “Notice” re: incorporation of new subsidiary call Katepwa Lake Holding Inc.

CCC 80/24 SaskTel: Document entitled “Notice” re: incorporation of new subsidiary call Jan Lake Holding Inc.

CCC 81/24 SaskTel: Document entitled “Subscription and Investment Agreement” re: SaskTel Investments, Inc. and TappedInto.com, Inc., Gen V LLC, and T.I. Ventures Inc. dated May 2001.

CCC 82/24 SaskTel: Document entitled “Subscription and Investment Agreement” re: SaskTel Investments, Inc., Dion McArthur, John Erickson and Dan Erickson, On-Line Regina Inc., Progressive Communications Incorporated and Business Watch International Inc. dated April 20, 2001.

CCC 83/24 SaskTel: Document entitled “Subscription and Investment Agreement” re: Paul Sluyter, Liette Dumas-Sluyter, 3767884 Canada Limited and DirectWest Publishing Partnership dated May 9, 2001.

CCC 84/24 SaskTel: Correspondence from Tom Kehoe, Chair, Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Board of Directors to Andrew Thomson, Chair, Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, dated June 6, 2001, re: Retx.com, Inc. (significant transaction)

CCC 85/24 SaskTel: Correspondence from Tom Kehoe, Chair, Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Board of Directors to Andrew Thomson, Chair, Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, dated June 6, 2001, re: SecurTek Monitoring Solutions Inc. (significant transaction)

3. The Committee considered its future schedule of business.
4. It was moved by Mr. Wall:

That the agenda for the November 21, 2001 meeting of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be amended by adding the following:

“3. A discussion of SaskEnergy’s recently announced investments in Chile and Mexico and SaskTel’s recently announced investment in Medicine Hat, Alberta and now Newcastle, Australia.”

After debate, the question being put, the motion was lost.

5. It was moved by Mr. Wall:

That the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations review SaskEnergy’s recently announced investments in Chile and Mexico and SaskTel’s recently announced investment in Medicine Hat, Alberta and Newcastle, Australia prior to the end of 2001.

At which time, the Chair ruled the motion out of order as follows:

This committee is only able to deal with items which are properly before it. That would include significant transaction reports and the annual reports that have been referred. The 2001 Annual reports have not been tabled yet, so they’re not properly before us.

One of the recommendations arising from the adoption of the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations from 1994 is that CIC is to provide a letter of notification regarding a significant transaction to the Chair within 90-days of the transaction occurring. The letter is to outline the objectives of the transaction, the financial implications, and the statement of changed liabilities for CIC and Saskatchewan, and the authority under which such a transaction has occurred.

With regard to the recent activities of SaskEnergy and SaskTel raised by Mr. Wall, as Chair, I have not received any such notification of these items and as such have no information to provide to the committee. Once these reports have been received, they will be circulated to the committee members. I will take it as notice now that you are interested in scheduling a meeting to discuss these transactions.

Since, at this point we have not received any significant transaction reports relating to the matters raised, I rule the motion out of order.

6. After further discussion of the future business of the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Yates:

That the Steering Committee be charged with determining the future business of the Committee.

After debate, the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. The Clerk to the Committee presided over the election of a Chair. Mr. Yates nominated Mr. McCall for the position. There being no further nominations, it was agreed:

That nominations for the position of Chair close.

It was moved by Mr. Yates:

That Mr. Warren McCall be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to and Mr. McCall took the Chair.

8. It was moved by Mr. Thomson:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. The Committee adjourned at 11:48 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., Monday, December 10, 2001.

Viktor Kaczkowski
Committee Clerk

Warren McCall
Committee Chair