

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

Monday, November 25, 2002

### MINUTE NO. 35

1:35 p.m. - Room 10

1. **Present:** Mr. Van Mulligen in the Chair and Members Atkinson, Forbes, Huyghebaert, Jones, McMorris, Prebble, Trew and Wall.

#### **Provincial Auditor's Office**

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor

Ed Montgomery, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Phil Creaser, Principal

Andrew Martens, Principal

#### **Appointed Auditor**

Robert E. Watt, Deloitte & Touche

2. The Committee initiated its consideration of both the annual report of Saskatchewan Power Corporation (SaskPower) and its subsidiaries for the year ending December 31, 2001, and Chapter 1 of the *2002 Spring Report of the Provincial Auditor* with an opening statement being made by Mr. Wright.

The following officials responded to questions posed by members of the Committee:

John Wright, President and Chief Executive Officer

Bill Jones, Vice-President & Chief Financial Officer, Corporate & Financial Services

Rick Patrick, Vice-President, Planning, Environment & Regulatory Affairs

Pat Youzwa, President and Chief Executive Officer, NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc. and Vice-President, Customer Services

Jack Huntington, Manager, Application Development & Support Corporate Information Technology

The following documents were tabled:

**CCC 175/24 Crown Investments Corporation:** Notice of incorporation of 101024977 Saskatchewan Ltd.

**CCC 176/24 SaskEnergy:** Subscription agreement re: SaskEnergy International Inc. and SaskEnergy Inc. re Gas Sur S.A. dated November 18, 2001 (significant transaction).

**CCC 177/24 SaskEnergy:** Subscription agreement re: SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings I Ltd. and SaskEnergy International Inc. dated November 18, 2001 (significant transaction).

**CCC 178/24 SaskEnergy:** Subscription agreement re: SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings II Ltd. and SaskEnergy International Inc. dated November 18, 2001 (significant transaction).

**CCC 179/24 SaskEnergy:** Share purchase and sale agreement between Nova Gas Sur Gas Distribution y Compania Limitada and SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings Limitada dated December 5, 2001 (significant transaction)..

**CCC 180/24 SaskEnergy:** Notice of incorporation of Saskatchewan First Call Corporation.

**CCC 181/24 SaskEnergy:** Subscription agreement re: SaskEnergy Inc. and SaskEnergy International Inc. re IGASAMEX USA Ltd. dated February 26, 2002 (significant transaction).

**CCC 182/24 SaskEnergy:** Subscription agreement re: SaskEnergy International Inc. and SaskEnergy Mexican Holdings Ltd. dated February 26, 2002 (significant transaction).

**CCC 183/24 SaskEnergy:** Partnership interest purchase agreement between Invesmex Limited Partnership and Big Spring Limited Partnership and SaskEnergy Mexican Holdings Ltd. dated February 28, 2002 (significant transaction).

**CCC 184/24 SaskEnergy:** Notice of incorporation of SaskEnergy Mexican Holdings Inc.

**CCC 185/24 SaskTel:** Common Stock and Warrant Subscription Agreement re Sasktel and Retx.com, Inc. dated March 19, 2002 (significant transaction).

**CCC 186/24 SaskTel:** Series A Convertible Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement re Sasktel and Retx, Inc. dated May 1, 2002 (significant transaction).

**CCC 187/24 SaskTel:** Document entitled "Crown Corporations Committee 2001 Annual Report Review, Committee Undertakings" dated August 1, 2002.

**CCC 188/24 Crown Investments Corporation:** Subscription and Power of Attorney Form between 10126817 Saskatchewan Ltd. and Western Life Sciences Venture Fund Limited Partnership dated December 21, 2001.

**CCC 189/24 Crown Investments Corporation:** Limited partnership agreement between CIC OSB Products Inc. and Meadow Lake OSB Mill Corp. dated December 20, 2001.

**CCC 190/24 Crown Investments Corporation:** Subscription agreement between CIC OSB Products Inc. and Meadow Lake OSB Mill Corp. dated December 20, 2001.

**CCC 191/24 Crown Investments Corporation:** Subscription Agreement between 101024977 Saskatchewan Ltd. and Prairie Ventures Limited Partnership dated January 29, 2002.

**CCC 192/24 Crown Investments Corporation:** Significant transaction report re: Great Western Brewing Company Limited \$4.0 Million Sale of CIC III's 80% equity investment dated November 2, 2002.

**CCC 193/24 SaskPower:** Significant transaction report re: Ownership Interest in the Cory Cogeneration Station dated November 20, 2002.

**CCC 194/24 Saskatchewan Government Insurance:** Significant transaction report re: Investment by SGI Canada Insurance Services Ltd. (SCISL) in the Charlie Cooke Insurance Agency Ltd., Atlantic Adjusting and Appraisals Ltd. and Maritime Finance and Acceptance Corporation (the Cooke group of companies) dated October 23, 2002.

**CCC 195/24 Crown Investment Corporation:** Revision to document received from Crown Investments Corporation entitled “Standard Compensation information requested for the year under review 2001” re: SGI – Consultants Paid Over \$10,000, January 1, 2001 – December 31, 2001.

**CCC 196/24 Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** SaskPower Annual Report 2001.+

**CCC 197/24 Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** Power Corporation Superannuation Plan Annual Report 2001.

**CCC 198/24 Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** SaskPower International Inc. Annual Report dated December 31, 2001.

**CCC 199/24 Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** Saskatchewan Power Corporation Supplementary Superannuation Plan Annual Report 2000.

**CCC 200/24 Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** Saskatchewan Power Corporation Supplementary Superannuation Plan Annual Report 2001.

**CCC 201/24 Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** NorthPoint Energy Solutions Annual Report dated December 31, 2001.

**CCC 202/24 Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** Power Greenhouses Inc. Financial Statements dated December 31, 2001.

**CCC 203/24 Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** Presentation materials for the CCC meeting of November 25, 2002 entitled “SaskPower’s 2001 Results & Outlook”.

**CCC 204/24 Office of the Provincial Auditor:** Presentation materials regarding Chapter 1 of the 2001 Spring Report of the Provincial Auditor (SaskPower Benefits Realization Audit).

3. Messrs. Wendel, Montgomery, and Creaser provided a summary of both the Provincial Auditor’s comments regarding of the annual report and financial statements of SaskPower and Chapter 1 of the *2002 Spring Report of the Provincial Auditor*.

4. Ms. Atkinson moved:

That the committee concur with Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 of Chapter 1 of the *Spring 2002 Report of the Provincial Auditor*.

The question being put on the motion, it was carried.

5. At 3:01 p.m., the Committee recessed until 3:22 p.m.

6. It was moved by Ms. Atkinson:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. The Committee adjourned at 4:22 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2002.

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Viktor Kaczkowski  
Committee Clerk

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Harry Van Mulligen  
Committee Chair