STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES April 19, 2006

MINUTE NO. 31 3:25 p.m. – Chamber

1. **Present**: Ms. Morin in the Chair and Members Addley, D'Autremont, Harpauer, Huyghebaert*, Kerpan, Wartman and Yates.

Substituting Members

Mr. Huyghebaert for Ms. Harpauer (for consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Property Management)

Provincial Auditor's Office

Judy Ferguson, Deputy Provincial Auditor Andrew Martens, Principal

Appointed Auditor

Tom Robinson, KPMG Bruce Willis, KPMG Colin Woloshyn, KPMG

2. The following documents were tabled:

CCA 162/25 Investment Saskatchewan: Commitment of up to \$15 million in the form of debtor-in-possession financing to Meadow Lake Pulp Limited Partnership (significant transaction).

CCA 163/25 SaskTel: Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2005.

CCA 164/25 SaskTel: Financial statements of Saskatchewan Telecommunications for the year ended December 31, 2005.

CCA 165/25 SaskTel: Consolidated Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Telecommunications International, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2005.

CCA 166/25 SaskTel: Financial statements of Navigata Communications Partnership for the year ended December 31, 2005.

CCA 167/25 SaskTel: Financial statements of Navigata Communications Inc. Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2005.

CCA 168/25 SaskTel: Financial statements of DirectWest Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2005.

CCA 169/25 SaskTel: Financial statements of The Phone Book Company Partnership for the year ended December 31, 2005.

CCA 170/25 SaskTel: Financial statements of SecurTek Monitoring Solutions Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2005.

CCA 171/25 SaskTel: Saskatchewan Telecommunications Pension Board 78th Annual Report and Financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005.

CCA 172/25 SaskTel: Financial statements of Saskatoon 2 Properties Limited Partnership for the year ended December 31, 2005.

CCA 173/25 SaskTel: Financial statements of Hospitality Network Canada Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2005.

CCA 174/25 Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2005.

CCA 175/25 Provincial Auditor: Provincial Auditor's Report on the 2005 Financial Statements of CIC Crown Corporations and Related Entities, in accordance with section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, dated April 2006.

- 3. The Committee considered the annual report and related documents of Investment Saskatchewan for the year ending December 31, 2004.
- 4. Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Martens provided an overview of the Provincial Auditor's review of the annual reports and financial statements.
- 5. The appointed auditor, Mr. Willis addressed the committee with respect to the Auditors' report contained in the annual report and financial statements.
- 6. The following Investment Saskatchewan Minister and officials appeared before the committee made an opening statement and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Eric Cline, Minister Janet Wightman, President & CEO Laurie Powers, Chief Financial Officer Heather Forbes, Director, Investments

- 7. The committee adjourned the consideration of the annual report and related documents of Investment Saskatchewan for the year ending December 31, 2004.
- 8. The chair advised that the committee had received and Order of the Assembly, dated April 13, 2006 to consider and report back on the Estimates for the following departments and agencies:

Vote 74 Information Technology Office Vote 13 Property Management Vote 33 Public Service Commission

9. The committee considered the Estimates for the Department of Property Management.

The following Property Management Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

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Witnesses

Hon. Eldon Lautermilch, Minister
Deb McDonald, Deputy Minister
Donald Koop, Assistant Deputy Minister, Commercial Services Division
Debbie Koshman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Support Services Division
Phil Lambert, Assistant Deputy Minister and CIO, Information Technology Division
Garth Rusconi, Assistant Deputy Minister, Accommodation Services Division

- 10. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Property Management.
- 11. The committee adjourned at 5:03 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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