

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

June 6, 1996

MINUTE NO. 9

8:00 a.m. - Room 255

1. **PRESENT:** Ms. Lorje in the Chair and Members Aldridge, Bjornerud, Bradley, D'Autremont, Jess, Johnson, Kasperski, Langford and Trew.

Mr. Aldridge substituting for Mr. McLane

Mr. Jess substituting for Ms. Hamilton

Provincial Auditor's Office

Brian Atkinson, Executive Director

Judy Ferguson, Executive Director

2. The Committee, having agreed to the concurrent consideration of the annual reports of SaskTel (Saskatchewan Telecommunications) for the years ending December 31, 1994 and December 31, 1995, began its review with a presentation by the Minister.

Hon. Carol Teichrob, Minister Responsible

Don Ching, President & CEO

Dan Baldwin, Senior Vice-President Strategic Business Development & Administration

John Meldrum, Vice-President Corporate Counsel and Regulatory Affairs

David Schultz, Vice-President Finance

Byron Pointer, General Manager, Industrial Relations

Dale Baron, Manager of Financial Analysis

Dave Traynor, Manager of Public Affairs

Basil Pogue, Manager of Information Resources

John K. Aitken, Deloitte & Touche, Auditor

3. The following documents were tabled:

CCC 17/23 - Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Shareholders Agreement between Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation and Norstar Communications Inc. and Norstar Network Services Inc., dated August 26, 1994 (Sessional Paper No. 5, 5th Session of the 22nd Legislature)

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CCC 18/23 - Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Share Purchase Agreement between Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation and various individual Vendors and Direct Ventures Inc., dated December 27, 1994 (Sessional Paper No. 45, 5th Session of the 22nd Legislature)

CCC 19/23 - Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Presentation materials for the CCC meeting of June 6, 1996

4. The corporate auditor made a presentation to the Committee in respect to the audit report presented in the annual reports. Ms. Ferguson provided an overview of the Provincial Auditor's review of the annual reports. Mr. Aitken tabled the following document:

CCC 20/23 - Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Corporate auditor's presentation materials for the CCC meeting of June 6, 1996

5. The Minister and the corporate officials responded to questions put by Members.
6. The Committee considered its Draft Report to the Assembly. A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Trew:

That the Crown Corporations Committee has concluded its review of the following Annual Reports:

Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan, 1993-94
Saskatchewan Auto Fund, 1994
Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Program, 1993-94
Saskatchewan Government Insurance, 1994
Saskatchewan Power Corporation, 1994
Saskatchewan Water Corporation, 1994
SaskEnergy Incorporated, 1994
SaskTel, 1994
SGI CANADA Insurance Services Ltd., 1994

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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7. It was moved by Mr. D'Autremont:

That the draft report of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be adopted and presented to the Legislative Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. The Committee adjourned at 10:00 a.m. to the call of the chair.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Pat Lorje
Committee Chair