

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

July 21, 1997

MINUTE NO. 24

10:30 a.m. - Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Ms. Lorje in the Chair and Members Bjornerud, Gantefoer, Heppner, Johnson, Koenker, Renaud, Stanger, Trew and Ward.

Mr. Gantefoer substituting for Mr. McLane

Mr. Koenker substituting for Ms. Bradley

Ms. Stanger substituting for Ms. Hamilton

Mr. Ward substituting for Mr. Kasperski

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor

Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

Ed Montgomery, Director - Operations

2. The following documents were tabled:

CCC 45/23 - SaskWater: Responses to questions raised at the June 11, 1997 meeting regarding the Fishing Lake drainage plan request.

CCC 46/23 - SaskWater: Responses to questions raised at the June 11, 1997 meeting regarding administrative items; senior executive remuneration and benefits; analysis of 1996 Consultants Expenses; and lists of contracts awarded in 1996 subject to the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement.

CCC 47/23 - Ernst & Young / Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Statement by Rupert C. James regarding comments made during the April 17, 1997 meeting.

3. The Committee resumed its consideration of the annual report and financial statements of Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1996 and subsidiary statements with the Minister and his officials responding to questions put by Members.

Hon. D. Lingenfelter, Minister Responsible

John R. Messer, President and Chief Executive Officer

Michael J. Hogan, President and Chief Executive Officer, SaskPower Commercial

Ken H. Christensen, Vice-President, Finance and Information Systems

Dr. Tony E. Harras, Vice-President and General Manager, System Operations and Decision Support

Bill Hyde, Vice-President, Human Resources and Government Relations

Jack B. Huntington, (Acting) Vice-President and General Manager, Customer Services

Roy O. Yeske, Vice-President and General Manager, Transmission and Distribution

Judith S. Fox, Executive Coordinator, Office of the President

Rupert C. James, Ernst & Young, Auditor

Robert E. Watt, Ernst & Young, Auditor

4. The Committee recessed from 12:12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.
5. The Minister and corporate officials continued to respond to questions put by Members.
6. It was moved by Mr. Renaud:

That the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations conclude its review of the annual report and financial statements of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1996 and subsidiary statements including:

- a) Financial statements of SaskPower Commercial Inc. for the year ended December 31, 1996; and
- b) Financial statements of Power Greenhouses Inc. for the year ended December 31, 1996.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. The Committee adjourned at 3:05 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 1997.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Pat Lorje
Committee Chair