

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

December 11, 1997

## MINUTE NO. 26

8:40 a.m. - Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Ms. Lorje in the Chair and Members Bjornerud, Hamilton, Heppner, Johnson, Kasperski, Koenker, McPherson, Thomson and Trew.

Mr. Koenker substituting for Ms. Bradley  
Mr. McPherson substituting for Mr. McLane  
Mr. Thomson substituting for Mr. Renaud

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

Brian Atkinson, Executive Director  
Judy Ferguson, Executive Director

2. The following documents were tabled:

**CCC 53/23 – Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority:** Responses to questions raised at the June 16, 1997 meeting regarding VLT revenues and legal costs arising out of the appeal of the court decision on the stripping action.

3. The Committee initiated its consideration of the significant transaction report on **SaskTel Holding Corporation's investment in Saturn Communications Limited** with an opening statement from the Minister and his officials.

Hon. D. Lingenfelter, Minister Responsible  
Don Ching, President and Chief Executive Officer, SaskTel  
Dale Bassen, President, SaskTel International  
Barry Ziegler, Vice-President – Investments, SaskTel International  
Doug Burnett, General Manager – Human Resources and Industrial Relations, SaskTel  
Sean Caragata, General Manager – Corporate Affairs, SaskTel

John Aitken, Deloitte & Touche, Auditor

4. The Minister tabled the following material:

**CCC 54/23 – SaskTel Holding Corporation:** Presentation materials for the Crown Corporations Committee meeting of December 11, 1997.

**CCC 55/23 – SaskTel Holding Corporation:** Video containing segments entitled "The Saturn Experience", "ONTV 15 Min. of Fame" and "Capital E Studio".

5. The Minister and corporate officials responded to questions put by Members.

6. It was moved by Mr. Bjornerud:

That the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations has reviewed SaskTel Holding Corporation's investment in Saturn Communications as a significant transaction.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. The Committee adjourned at 10:35 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Margaret A. Woods  
Committee Clerk

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Pat Lorje  
Committee Chair