

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

April 8, 1998

MINUTE NO. 31

9:00 a.m. - Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Ms. Lorje in the Chair and Members Bjornerud, Gantefoer*, Hamilton, Hillson*, Shillington*, Stanger *, Tchorzewski*, Thomson* and Trew.

Mr. Gantefoer substituting for Mr. Heppner
Mr. Hillson substituting for Mr. McPherson
Mr. Shillington substituting for Mr. Kasperski
Ms. Stanger substituting for Mr. Kowalski
Mr. Tchorzewski substituting for Mr. Johnson
Mr. Thomson substituting for Mr. Renaud

Other Members

Mr. Goohsen, Mr. Heppner, Mr. Osika

Staff to the Committee

Ms. Margaret Woods, Clerk to the Committee
Mr. Bob Cosman, Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk
Mr. Ted Priel, Special Advisor to the Committee

2. The Chair advised the Committee that the compiled set of the documents in the possession of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, the Crown Investments Corporation and the Government of Saskatchewan, as requested by Committee Members, had been received and that each caucus, the special advisor and the committee clerk would each receive one set.
3. The Chair received the first report from the Sub-Committee which is as follows:

The Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations recommends to the full committee the following:

1. That a full set of documents requested by the Committee will be provided to each caucus and to the Clerk on Wednesday, April 8th, 1998;
2. That upon receipt by the clerk on Wednesday, April 8th, 1998, the documents will be deemed to have been tabled in the Committee;
3. That the clerk's copy of the full set of documents will be available for public viewing in the Office of the Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk;
4. That the Office of the Clerk will reproduce and distribute copies of documents to Committee Members and to those members of the public, including witnesses and their counsel, who so request, within reason.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Tchorzewski:

That the report of Sub-Committee on the handling of the documents by the Office of the Clerk be now concurred in.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

4. The Chair received the second report from the Sub-Committee which is as follows:

The Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations recommends to the full committee the following:

That the Committee recommend to the Assembly that the Assembly do order the Speaker to issue a subpoena to summon the attendance of Mr. Don McKillop of the Department of Justice, Government of Saskatchewan, before the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations and that he do produce the following documents at that time:

1. All written legal opinions in the possession of Saskatchewan Power Corporation, the Crown Investments Corporation and the Government of Saskatchewan touching upon the terms of reference of the Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd investigation in the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations; and
2. The Long Term Gas Supply Agreement between Saskatchewan Power Corporation and Direct Energy Marketing Ltd. and its three ancillary documents.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Shillington:

That the report of Sub-Committee on the recommendation to the Assembly that a subpoena be issued to summon the attendance of Mr. Don McKillop and the production of certain documents be now concurred in.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. The Chair tabled a proposed Fourth Report of the Committee recommending to the Assembly that a subpoena be issued to summon the attendance of Mr. Don McKillop and the production of certain documents.

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It was moved by Mr. Shillington:

That the proposed Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be now adopted.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. The Chair received the third report from the Sub-Committee which is as follows:

The Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations recommends to the full committee the following:

That the following persons be added to the primary list of witnesses in the Channel Lake Petroleum investigation and that they be called as witnesses on a date to be decided by this Committee:

1. Premier Roy Romanow
2. Deputy Premier Dwain Lingenfelter
3. Hon. Keith Goulet
4. Hon. John Nilson
5. Hon. Berny Wiens
6. Hon. Lorne Calvert
7. Rupert James (Ernst & Young)

8. Barry Munro (Ernst & Young)
9. Richard Patrick (SaskPower)
10. Louis Dufresne (Direct Energy Marketing Ltd.)
11. Nino Silvestri (Direct Energy Marketing Ltd.)
12. Julian Olenick (Past-President of SaskEnergy)
13. Colleen Bailey (Director of SaskPower)
14. Ron Bruce (SaskPower Internal Audit, Employee)
15. S.D. Manson (SaskPower Internal Audit, Employee)
16. Daryl Kuchinka (Director of SaskPower and Member of Internal Audit and Finance Committee)
17. Robert Stobbs (SaskPower Internal Audit, Employee)
18. Betty Weigel (Former Corporate Secretary to SaskPower)

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud:

That the report of Sub-Committee on the addition of names to the primary witness list be now concurred in.

The question being put, the motion was negatived.

7. A discussion ensued over the role of the Sub-Committee and the primary witness list. The Chair undertook to call Mr. Richard Patrick to appear before the Committee at the same time that the other SaskPower officials are scheduled to appear, and further to invite the Hon. Dwain Lingenfelter to appear at the same time that the Hon. Eldon Lautermilch is scheduled to appear. The Committee concurred with this.
8. The Chair advised the Committee that the verbatim Hansard and minutes of the Committee's proceedings were available on the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan's website at www.legassembly.sk.ca under the button "*Committees*" and then the link to the "*Crown Corporations*" Committee.
9. It was moved by Mr. Tchorzewski:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. The Committee adjourned at 9:52 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 1998.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Pat Lorje
Committee Chair