

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

April 15, 1998

### MINUTE NO. 32

9:00 a.m. - Room 10

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

Mr. Gantefoer substituting for Mr. Bjornerud  
Mr. Hillson substituting for Mr. McPherson  
Mr. Shillington substituting for Mr. Kasperski  
Mr. Tchorzewski substituting for Mr. Johnson  
Mr. Thomson substituting for Mr. Renaud

#### **Other Members**

Mr. Bjornerud, Ms. Haverstock, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Osika, Ms. Stanger

#### **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 following documents were deemed to have been tabled at the meeting of April 8, 1998, pursuant to a motion adopted by the Committee on the same day:

**CCC 63/23:** Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. Investigation compiled document set (16 binders)

3. The Chair advised the Committee that the documents requested from the witness, Mr. McKillop, pursuant to a subpoena issued by the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, dated April 8, 1998, had been received, tabled and distributed to Committee Members. Mr. McKillop was not questioned by Committee Members.

**CCC 64/23:** Documents tabled by Mr. Don McKillop, Crown Solicitor, Civil Law Division, Department of Justice, pursuant to a subpoena issued by the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, dated April 8, 1998 (2 binders)

4. Mr. Gantefoer advised the Committee that he had sought an opinion from the special advisor on the alleged conflict of interest of two Committee Members in light of the possibility that they may be called to appear as witnesses before the Committee. Mr. Priel advised the Committee that he would provide a response to the Committee by April 21, 1998.
5. The Committee resumed its examination of the Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. matter:

Witness:

Mr. John R. Messer, former President and Chief Executive Officer of SaskPower

Assisting the witness:

Brian A. Barrington-Foote, McKercher, McKercher & Whitmore, Counsel to Mr. Messer  
Daniel P. Kwochka, McKercher, McKercher & Whitmore, Counsel to Mr. Messer

Mr. Messer resumed his testimony with an opening statement. Mr. Messer tabled the following document and then responded to questions put by Members:

**CCC 65/23 – Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** Correspondence from SaskPower Audit and Finance Committee to SaskPower Board of Directors, dated March 14, 1995, re: SaskPower CEO Evaluation – John R. Messer

**CCC 66/23 – Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** Agreement of Indemnification among Saskatchewan Power Corporation and Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. and John R. Messer, dated March 6, 1995

**CCC 67/23 – Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** Various documents detailing the terms of employment for John R. Messer

6. The Committee recessed from 10:23 a.m. until 10:35 a.m.
7. The Committee resumed its examination of the Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. matter:
8. The Chair tabled the two documents that had been received from Mr. Don McKillop and advised the Committee that they are to be inserted in the Legal Opinions binder under Tab 9, as new sub-tabs R and S:
  - a) Correspondence from Gerrand Rath Johnson (per: G.L. Gerrand, Q.C.) to Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan, attention Mike Shaw, Vice-President, dated April 13, 1998, re: Saskatchewan Power Corporation and Channel Lake Review
  - b) Memorandum from Darryl Bogdasavich, Civil Law Division, Saskatchewan Justice, to Michael Shaw, Vice-President, Crown Investments Corporation, dated April 14, 1998, re: Saskatchewan Power Corporation – Channel Lake Review
9. The Committee adjourned at 11:52 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 1998.

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Margaret A. Woods  
Committee Clerk

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Pat Lorje  
Committee Chair