

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

April 16, 1998

### MINUTE NO. 33

9:00 a.m. - Room 10

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

Mr. Gantefoer substituting for Mr. Heppner  
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. Goohsen, Mr. Heppner, 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 Chair advised the Committee that she had received additional documents from Mr. McKillop which were tabled as follows:

**CCC 68/23 – Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** Board of Directors - Topic Summary: Resignation of President & CEO of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, dated March 5, 1998 (#1347)

**CCC 69/23 – Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** Board of Directors - Topic Summary: Appointment of Acting President & CEO of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, dated March 5, 1998 (#1348)

**CCC 70/23 – Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** Saskatchewan Power Corporation Discussion Points re: severance, dated March 9, 1998 (#1349)

**CCC 71/23 – Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** Hand-written notes of Larry Kram, dated March 23, 1998 (#1350) (*Note: page 1 of these notes have already been disclosed as #1141*)

**CCC 72/23 – Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan:** Correspondence from Don McKillop, Q.C., Civil Law Division, Department of Justice to Mike Shaw, Vice President, Crown Investments Corporation, dated April 15, 1998, re: CEO Evaluations for the President of SaskPower (#1351); and attachments.

3. 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 responded to questions put by Committee Members. During the course of his testimony, Mr. Messer tabled the following document:

**CCC 73/23 – Peter J. Milne & Associates Inc.:** Saskatchewan Crown Corporations Review, dated April 15, 1998

4. The Committee recessed from 10:25 a.m. until 10:40 a.m.
5. Committee Members continued their examination of the witness, Mr. John R. Messer. During the course of questioning, Mr. Tchorzewski tabled the following document:

**CCC 74/23 – Saskatchewan Power Corporation:** Board of Directors - Minutes for the November 6, 1997 meeting

6. The Committee considered several procedural issues:
  - a) It was agreed that the officials from Saskatchewan Power Corporation would be called to appear at the Committee's next meeting on April 21, 1998;
  - b) It was agreed that the Chair would consult with representatives of each of the caucuses to determine the subsequent scheduling of witnesses and whether to revise the manner in which witnesses will be questioned by Members.
  - c) Mr. Hillson proposed that the special advisor be requested to review confidential and/or sensitive documents, prior to their being tabled in the Committee, to determine their relevance to the Committee's proceedings. It was agreed that the proposal will be considered at a later date after Members have had an opportunity to review it.
  - d) The Chair advised the Committee that Mr. McKillop would inquire whether the documents requested by the witness and Committee Members were available, and if so, provide these documents to the Committee.
7. The Committee adjourned at 12:00 noon until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 1998.

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Margaret A. Woods  
Committee Clerk

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Pat Lorje  
Committee Chair