STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS April 21, 1998

MINUTE NO. 34 9:00 a.m. - Room 10

1. **PRESENT**: Ms. Lorje in the Chair and Members Gantefoer*, Hamilton, Heppner, Hillson*, Kowalsky, 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, Mr. Goohsen, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Stanger, 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 tabled the following document:

CCC 75/23 – Standing Committee on Crown Corporations: Correspondence from L. Ted Priel, special advisor to the Committee to Pat Lorje, Chair, Crown Corporations Committee, dated April 20, 1998, re: Crown Corporations Committee Request for Opinion (membership on CCC)

3. The Committee resumed its examination of the Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. matter:

Witnesses:

- Mr. Kelly Staudt, Acting President and Chief Executive Officer, Saskatchewan Power Corporation
- Mr. Larry D. Kram, General Counsel, Saskatchewan Power Corporation
- Mr. Ken Christensen, Vice President, Finance & Information Systems, Saskatchewan Power Corporation
- Mr. Richard Patrick, Vice President, General Manager Power Production, Saskatchewan Power Corporation

Assisting the witnesses:

Michael W. Milani, McDougall Ready, Counsel to SaskPower Erin M.S. Kleisinger, McDougall Ready, Counsel to SaskPower

The Committee first heard an opening statement from Mr. Kram.

Mr. Christensen then began his testimony with an opening statement and responded to questions put by Members.

- 4. The Committee recessed from 10:25 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.
- 5. Committee Members continued their examination of the witness, Mr. Christensen.

- 6. Mr. Hillson raised a concern regarding the appropriateness of the Committee continuing its examination in light of the testimony given earlier this day and its potential legal ramifications. The Committee recessed to permit representatives of each party to meet with the Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk and the special advisor.
- 7. The Committee recessed from 11:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
- 8. The Chair invited the special advisor to address the Committee. He advised the Committee that the line of questioning being pursued would not interfere with any possible legal repercussions arising out of the sale of Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd.
- 9. The Committee resumed its examination of the witness, Mr. Christensen.
- 10. The Committee adjourned at 11:54 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 1998.

Margaret A. Woods Committee Clerk Pat Lorje Committee Chair