

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

April 28, 1998

MINUTE NO. 36

9:00 a.m. - Room 10

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

Mr. Gantefer 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. Johnson, 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 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 witnesses:

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.

3. The Chair advised the Committee that she had received additional documents from Saskatchewan Justice and the McDougall Ready law firm, which she then tabled:

CCC 79/23 – Standing Committee on Crown Corporations: Correspondence from L. Ted Priel, special advisor to the Committee to Pat Lorje, Chair, Crown Corporations Committee, dated 27, 1998, re: Crown Corporations Committee – Request for Opinion (definition of criminal and civil fraud)

CCC 80/23 – Crown Investments Corporation: Correspondence from John Wright, President to Don McKillop, Q.C., Department of Justice, dated April 27, 1998, re: Channel Lake Documents (CIC Special Board of Directors Meetings)

CCC 81/23 – McDougall Ready: Correspondence from Michael W. Milani, counsel for Saskatchewan Power Corporation to Saskatchewan Justice, attention: D.A. McKillop, Q.C., dated April 27, 1998, re: Channel Lake Hearings; and attached:

- a) Portion of Minute 95;
 - b) Minute B126/93;
 - c) Minute B127/93;
 - d) Expense records (Binder 19);
 - e) Cellular and Telephone Records (Binder 20)
4. The Committee recessed from 10:16 a.m. until 10:36 a.m.
5. The Committee concluded their examination of the witness, Mr. Messer.
6. The Committee, having recalled the witness, Mr. Christensen, resumed their examination of him.

Witness:

Mr. Ken Christensen, Vice President, Finance & Information Systems, Saskatchewan Power Corporation

Assisting the witnesses:

Michael W. Milani, McDougall Ready, Counsel to Saskatchewan Power Corporation
Erin M.S. Kleisinger, McDougall Ready, Counsel to Saskatchewan Power Corporation

7. Mr. Gantfoer moved the following motion:

That the following documents be tabled with the Standing Committee:

All memoranda, briefing information, correspondence and any other documentation from or to any department of government, government agency, crown corporation, and/or Executive Council regarding the attempt by SaskPower and/or any SaskPower subsidiary to purchase 50% of the Guyana Electrical Company; and

all legal opinions and reports prepared by Saskatchewan Justice, SaskPower and/or any outside law firm contracted by any department, agency, crown corporation and/or crown-owned subsidiary with respect to the impact of a decision by the government of Saskatchewan and/or any department, agency, crown corporation and/or crown owned subsidiary to break off negotiations on the purchase of the Guyana Electrical company.

The question being put and a debate arising, the question was negatived.

8. The Committee adjourned at 12:09 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 30, 1998.