

## **STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS**

**December 2, 1998**

**MINUTE NO. 60**

**9:00 a.m. - Room 10**

1. **PRESENT:** Ms. Lorje in the Chair and Members Boyd, Johnson, Kasperski, Kowalsky, McPherson, Toth, Trew and Wall\*.

Mr. Wall substituting for Mr. Renaud

### **Provincial Auditor's Office**

Brian Atkinson, Executive Director

Michael A. Heffernan, Executive Director

### **Appointed Auditors**

Robert E. Watt, Ernst & Young, Auditor for SaskEnergy Incorporated

Bruce W. Willis, Ernst & Young, Auditor for SaskEnergy Incorporated

2. The Chair reported that a sub-committee consisting of Members Trew, Toth, McPherson and herself had met after the adjournment of yesterday's regular committee meeting to discuss what information should be requested from the Crown corporations and related agencies. The Chair reported that remuneration and out-of-province travel expenses for members of the Boards of Directors and senior officials had been routinely provided. Additional information, such as consulting fees, had occasionally been provided when requested by the Committee.
3. A discussion ensued regarding the kinds of information members wished to receive and the amount of detail that was to be included. The Chair advised the Committee that the Crown Investments Corporation (CIC) would be coordinating the compilation of the standardized information from all of the corporations falling under its mandate. Information from organizations not affiliated with CIC would be sought and received separately.

It was then moved by Mr. Trew:

That each Crown corporation and related agency called to appear before the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations shall provide the following information, for the year(s) under review:

- Out-of-province travel expenses for the Minister(s) and ministerial staff undertaken on behalf of the Crown corporation;
- Honoraria and out-of-province travel expenses for each member of the Board of Directors;
- Salary and out-of-province travel expenses for senior management and executives;
- Fees paid to consultants (including, but not limited to, legal and advertising fees) totaling over \$10,000.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

4. The Committee initiated its consideration of the annual report and financial statements of SaskEnergy Incorporated and the financial statements of its subsidiaries, TransGas Limited, Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited, SaskEnergy International Incorporated and Bayhurst Gas Limited, all for the year ended December 31, 1997, with an opening statement by the President and Chief Executive Officer.

Ronald Clark, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Jullian Olenick, Senior Vice-president, TransGas Limited  
Dean Reeve, Vice-president, Business Development & Market Services  
Doug Kelln, Vice-president, Distribution Utility  
Ken From, Vice-president, Gas Supply  
George Barnhart, Vice-president, Information Systems  
Greg Mrazek, Vice-president, Finance & Administration (Acting)  
Mark Guillet, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary  
Ron Podbielski, Director, Corporate Affairs (Acting)

The following document was tabled:

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5. The appointed auditor, Mr. Watt, addressed the Committee with respect to the audit report contained in the annual report and financial statements. Mr. Heffernan provided an overview of the Provincial Auditor's review of the annual report and financial statements.
6. The corporate officials responded to questions put by Members.
7. The Committee recessed from 10:44 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.
8. Committee Members resumed their questioning of the corporate officials.
9. It was moved by Mr. Trew:

That the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations conclude its review of the annual report and financial statements of SaskEnergy Incorporated and the financial statements of its subsidiaries, TransGas Limited, Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited, SaskEnergy International Incorporated and Bayhurst Gas Limited, all for the year ended December 31, 1997.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. It was moved by Mr. Trew:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. The Committee adjourned at 12:07 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 3, 1998.

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Margaret A. Woods  
Committee Clerk

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Pat Lorje  
Committee Chair