

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES
Tuesday, April 20, 2010

MINUTE NO. 49
7:00 p.m. – Legislative Chamber

1. **Present:** Tim McMillan in the Chair and Members Denis Allchurch, Buckley Belanger, Fred Bradshaw, Michael Chisholm*, Dan D’Autremont and Trent Wotherspoon*.

Substituting Members

Michael Chisholm for Randy Weekes
Trent Wotherspoon for Warren McCall

Other Members

Pat Atkinson

2. The following documents were tabled:

CCA 271/26 Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada: Response to questions asked during the Energy Inquiry hearings, dated February 1, 2010.

CCA 272/26 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers: Submission to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies Public hearings, dated February 2, 2010.

CCA 273/26 Stefania A. Fortugno: Submission to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies Public hearings entitled “Legislative Mechanisms for Implementing Renewable Energy Policy”, dated February 3, 2010.

CCA 274/26 Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan (CIC): Losses reported during the period July 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009, dated October 30, 2009.

CCA 275/26 The Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan: Responses to questions raised at the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies meeting on November 24, 2009, dated December 2, 2009.

CCA 276/26 SaskEnergy Incorporated: Subscription agreement dated August 14, 2009 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.
Subscription for shares: Heritage Gas Limited dated August 14, 2009 for \$21,895.

Addendum to CCA 20/26 SaskEnergy Incorporated: Debt Agreement between SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd. and Heritage Gas Ltd. dated July 22, 2003.

Addendum to CCA 21/26 SaskEnergy Incorporated: Debt Agreement between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd. dated July 22, 2003.

CCA 277/26 SaskTel: SecurTek Monitoring Solutions Inc, Significant Transaction Report, dated December 14, 2009.

CCA 278/26 Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan (CIC): Losses reported during the period October 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009, dated January 29, 2010.

CCA 279/26 SaskEnergy: Significant Transaction Reports, memorandum dated December 18, 2009 and letter dated December 23, 2009.

CCA 280/26 SaskEnergy Incorporated: Subscription agreement dated September 15, 2009 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.
Subscription for shares: Heritage Gas Limited dated September 15, 2009 for \$444,035.

Addendum to CCA 20/26 SaskEnergy Incorporated: Debt Agreement between SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd. and Heritage Gas Ltd. dated July 22, 2003.

Addendum to CCA 21/26 SaskEnergy Incorporated: Debt Agreement between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd. dated July 22, 2003.

Addendum to CCA 14/26 Crown Investments Corporation: Subscription for Units between CIC Economic Holdco Ltd. And Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial fund Joint Venture (September 6, 2007; November 23, 2007; December 10, 2007; February 1, 2008; February 17, 2008; April 23, 2008; May 9, 2008; May 14, 2009; June 30, 2009; September 3, 2009), dated February 16, 2010.

Addendum to CCA 15/26 Crown Investments Corporation: Subscription for Units between CIC Equity Holding Corp. and Apex Investment GP Inc. (June 22, 2007; September 17, 2007; December 20, 2007; April 30, 2008; June 9, 2008; June 22, 2008; August 11, 2008; October 29, 2008; January 23, 2009; February 27, 2009; April 23, 2009), dated February 16, 2010.

CCA 281/26 Saskatchewan Telecommunications: SaskTel Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2009; Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation: Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 282/26 Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 283/26 Saskatchewan Telecommunications International Inc.: Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 284/26 DirectWest Corporation: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 285/26 SecurTek Monitoring Solutions Inc.: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 286/26 Saskatchewan Telecommunications Pension Plan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 287/26 Saskatoon 2 Properties Limited Partnership: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 288/26 Hospitality Network Canada Inc.: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 289/26 Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 290/26 Power Corporation Superannuation Plan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 291/26 Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 292/26 SaskPower Shand Greenhouse: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 293/26 Northpoint Energy Solutions Inc.: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 294/26 Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 295/26 Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 296/26 Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 297/26 SaskEnergy Incorporated: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 298/26 SaskEnergy Incorporated and Subsidiaries: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 for: SaskEnergy Incorporated – Consolidated; TransGas Limited; Bayhurst Gas Limited; SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.; SaskEnergy International Incorporated.

CCA 299/26 Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

CCA 300/26 Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

3. Pursuant to Rule 146(1), the Estimates for the following ministries and agencies were deemed referred to the committee on April 1, 2010:

Vote 175	Debt Redemption
Vote 18	Finance
Vote 12	Finance – Debt Servicing
Vote 13	Government Services
Vote 74	Information Technology Office
Vote 151	Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan
Vote 80	Office of the Provincial Secretary
Vote 33	Public Service Commission
Vote 139	Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation
Vote 154	Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation
Vote 152	Saskatchewan Power Corporation
Vote 153	Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation
Vote 140	Saskatchewan Water Corporation

Vote 150	SaskEnergy Incorporated
Vote 176	Sinking Fund Payments – Government Share

4. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Government Services.

The Government Services Minister and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. Christine Tell, Minister
Ron Dedman, Deputy Minister
Debbie Koshman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services
Helen Huber, Executive Director, Facility Management, Accommodation Services
Greg Lusk, Executive Director, Commercial Services
Al Mullen, Executive Director, Asset Management, Accommodation Services
Shelley Reddekopp, Director, Financial Services, Corporate Services

5. The following document was tabled:

CCA 301/26 Ministry of Government Services: Information related to CBO CVA vehicle lease privileges.

6. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Government Services.
7. The committee recessed from 9:30 p.m. until 9:35 p.m.
8. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Finance.

The Finance Minister and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. Rod Gantefoer, Minister
Doug Matthies, Deputy Minister
Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller, Provincial Comptroller's Division
Margaret Johannsson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Revenue Division
Joanne Brockman, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch
Louise Usick, Director, Financial Services Branch
Eric Johnson, Senior Analyst, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch

9. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Finance.
10. It was moved by Mr. D'Autremont:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. The committee adjourned at 10:35 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Kathy Burianyk
Committee Clerk

Tim McMillan
Committee Chair