

# **STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS**



## **SECOND REPORT**

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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN**

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### SECOND REPORT

Mr. Thomson, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presents the Committee's Second Report of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, which is as follows:

Having duly examined the Annual Reports and Financial Statements of various Crown Corporations and related agencies, as referred to it from time to time by the Assembly, your Committee has completed its consideration of the reports of the following Crown Corporations:

Crown Investments Corporation, 1998, 1999 & 2000  
SaskEnergy Incorporated, 1998, 1999 & 2000  
SaskTel, 1998, 1998 & 2000  
Saskatchewan Water Corporation (Sask Water), 1998, 1999 & 2000

The future business of your Committee includes the examination of the Annual Reports and Financial Statements of the following:

Information Services Corporation (ISC), 2000  
Saskatchewan Government Insurance, 1998, 1999 & 2000  
Saskatchewan Power Corporation, 1998, 1999 & 2000  
Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation, 1998, 1999 & 2000

Your Committee may decide to undertake additional reviews of the 1998, 1999 and 2000 annual reports and financial statements of the remaining Crown corporations at a later date.

In its consideration of the activities of the Saskatchewan Water Corporation, your committee has identified an outstanding question regarding the application of the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement to the process the Corporation employed during 1997 and 1998 for the construction of the Broderick, Lucky Lake, and Riverhurst potato storage facilities. Your Committee wishes to advise that it will seek additional clarification from the appropriate minister.

Your Committee continues to wrestle with the issue of the overlap of responsibility that exists between the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations for the review of Crown Corporations issues. In the First Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, tabled May 10, 2001, Recommendation 23 reads "That *The Provincial Auditor Act* be amended to authorize the referral of the Auditor's report on CIC (Crown Investments Corporation) Crown corporations and their subsidiaries be directed to the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations." Given the intent of the above recommendation and in light of the fact that amendments to the

Provincial Auditor Act have yet to be passed, your committee has agreed to the following recommendation:

That those matters contained in the 2001 Spring Report of the Provincial Auditor pertaining to CIC Crown Corporations be withdrawn from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and referred to the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Thomson,  
Chair