

A powerful  
**CONNECTION**



SASKPOWER 2015 - 16 ANNUAL REPORT

 **SaskPower**  
Powering the future®

SaskPower has changed its fiscal year-end to March 31 to coincide with that of the Province of Saskatchewan.

The first complete fiscal period subsequent to the change is presented in this annual report and consists of the fifteen months ended March 31, 2016. It includes:

- Quarter 1 (Q1) through quarter 4 (Q4) = January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015
- Quarter 5 (Q5) = January 1, 2016, through March 31, 2016

Subsequent fiscal years will consist of the twelve months from April 1 through March 31.

# EXPANDING OUR LINK TO SASKATCHEWAN'S NORTH



In 2015-16, SaskPower completed construction of the 300-kilometre Island Falls to Key Lake (I1K) Transmission Line. Built across the rugged Canadian Shield, the 230-kilovolt line will help meet growing demand for electricity in the North while also improving reliability.

Maintaining a positive connection with customers is no small feat. The I1K Transmission Line is part of one of the largest power grids in Canada, comprised of nearly 157,000 circuit kilometres. SaskPower needs it to reach customers throughout one of the most far-reaching service areas in our country — approximately 652,000 square kilometres.

With one of the lowest customer densities relative to grid infrastructure of Canadian utilities, on average we maintain

one circuit kilometre of power lines for every three customer accounts. That often means responding to outages in remote areas and in all types of weather.

We're making ongoing investments in our expansive grid one of our top priorities as part of an average \$1-billion per year infrastructure growth and renewal program that also includes our generation system. That way, we can ensure our powerful connection with customers throughout Saskatchewan remains unbroken.

## CORPORATE PROFILE

Established in 1929, SaskPower is Saskatchewan's leading energy supplier. We are defined by our commitment to support economic growth and enhance quality of life in our province. Our corporate mission: ensuring reliable, sustainable and cost-effective power for our customers.

SaskPower's team is made up of nearly 3,150 permanent full-time employees. We manage over \$10 billion in generation, transmission, distribution and other assets. Our company operates five natural gas stations, three coal-fired power stations, seven hydroelectric

stations, and two wind facilities. Combined, they generate 3,542 megawatts (MW) of electricity.

SaskPower also buys power from various independent power producers (IPPs), including the North Battleford Generating Station, Cory Cogeneration Station, Meridian Cogeneration Station, Spy Hill Generating Station, Morse Wind Energy Facility, Red Lily Wind Power Facility and SunBridge Wind Power Facility. At the end of the year, our company's total available generation capacity was 4,437 MW.

We are responsible for serving nearly 522,000 customer accounts within Saskatchewan's geographic area of 652,000 square kilometres. About three customer accounts are supplied per circuit kilometre. We maintain nearly 157,000 kilometres of power lines, 55 high voltage switching stations and 194 distribution substations. Our company also has interties at the Manitoba, Alberta and North Dakota borders.

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# PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

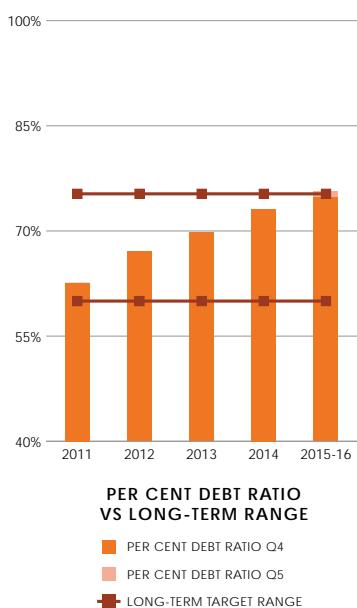
## FINANCIAL INDICATORS

(in millions)	Fifteen months March 31		Three months March 31		Twelve months December 31				Change
	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015	2014	2014	2014	
Revenue	\$ 2,887	\$ 591	\$ 2,296	\$ 2,157	\$ 139				
Expense	2,763	571	2,192	2,114	78				
Income before unrealized market value adjustments	124	20	104	43	61				
Net income (loss)	26	(14)	40	60	(20)				
Capital expenditures	1,178	188	990	1,279	(289)				
Net cash from operating activities	409	26	383	391	(8)				
Total debt	7,244	204	7,040	6,383	657				
Return on equity (operating) <sup>1</sup>	5.7%		4.7%	2.0%	2.7%				
Return on equity <sup>2</sup>	1.2%		1.8%	2.7%	-0.9%				
Per cent debt ratio <sup>3</sup>	75.7%		74.8%	73.1%	1.7%				

1. Return on equity (operating) = (income before unrealized market value adjustments)/(average equity)

2. Return on equity = (net income)/(average equity)

3. Per cent debt ratio = (debt)/(debt + equity), where debt = (long-term debt + short-term debt + finance lease obligations + bank indebtedness – debt retirement funds – cash and cash equivalents)



# \$38 MILLION

DECREASE IN BUDGETED OPERATING, MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE IN THE LAST CALENDAR YEAR.

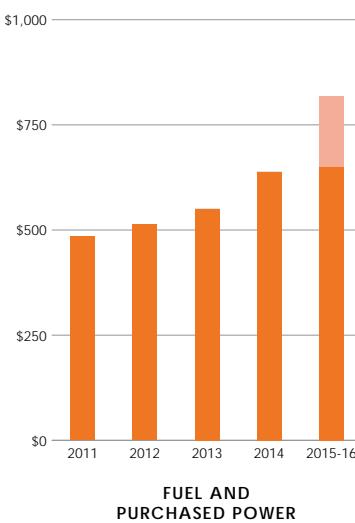
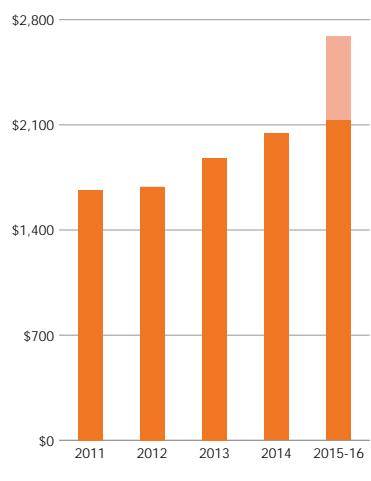
## 77%

GROWTH IN CAPITAL-RELATED CHARGES — THOSE ASSOCIATED PRIMARILY WITH INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT — IN THE LAST FIVE CALENDAR YEARS.

## OPERATING STATISTICS

(in millions)	Fifteen months March 31	Three months March 31	Twelve months December 31			Change
	2016	2016	2015	2014		
Electricity sales (\$)	\$ 2,690	\$ 562	\$ 2,128	\$ 2,043	\$ 85	
Electricity sales (GWh <sup>1</sup> )	27,382	5,757	21,625	21,389	236	
Fuel and purchased power (\$)	\$ 818	\$ 168	\$ 650	\$ 638	\$ 12	
Gross electricity supplied (GWh)	30,174	6,430	23,744	23,424	320	

1. One gigawatt hour (GWh) is equivalent to the energy consumed by 125 typical houses in one year.



# LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL



Regina  
June 2016

To Her Honour  
The Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, S.O.M., S.V.M.  
Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan  
Province of Saskatchewan

Madame:

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the fifteen months ending March 31, 2016.

The report includes the financial statements for the year in the form approved by the Treasury Board, duly certified by the auditors of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, all in accordance with *The Power Corporation Act*.

I have the honour to be, Madame, your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Boyd".

**Honourable Bill Boyd**  
Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation

# OUR STRATEGIC CONTEXT

## OUR VISION

An industry-leading company,  
powering Saskatchewan through  
innovation, performance and service.

## OUR MISSION

Ensuring reliable, sustainable  
and cost-effective power  
for our customers.

## OUR VALUES

Safety, openness,  
dedication and respect.

## CORPORATE PILLARS

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE  
& STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS

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& RELIABILITY

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# A MESSAGE TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

**From the rocky Canadian Shield in the North to the Prairie grasslands in the South, Saskatchewan is an incredibly diverse place to live. Despite our geographic differences, we are all connected as one community through the electrical grid in our province.**

**SaskPower's job is to help keep this community linked and energized; our mission is ensuring our customers have the reliable, sustainable and cost-effective power they need today and into the future.**

To make sure we're able to deliver on our corporate mission, this year we reset our vision: an industry-leading company, powering Saskatchewan through innovation, performance and service. We also identified the pillars we need to strengthen our company's foundation: customer experience and stakeholder relations; workforce excellence; efficiency, quality and cost management; and sustainable infrastructure and reliability. Through these pillars, we're making sure that every decision we make connects what we do to what is important to the people of our province.

## CONNECTING TO CUSTOMERS

With our company adding an average of 9,500 customer accounts annually over the past five years, providing a high level of service is a major area of focus. Demand for power continues to grow, rising 16% over the same time period. While meeting this high level of growth, SaskPower has been able to maintain a competitive level of customer satisfaction. In fact, during the year a national survey by the Canadian Electricity Association ranked our company with the highest level of overall satisfaction amongst electric utilities.

Going forward, it's more important than ever to talk to our customers about what they can do to save power, and save money on their bills. We're always looking at the efficiency and conservation programs we offer and seeing what we can change and improve. During the year, our company surpassed our 10-year target to achieve an accumulated peak demand reduction in excess of 100 megawatts (MW) two years early. This represents about the same electricity capacity as the Island Falls Hydroelectric Station.

Connecting to SaskPower's customers also means engaging with the people of Saskatchewan to share information about our future plans. Our company's Power to Grow tour continues to engage residents about Saskatchewan's electrical infrastructure challenges and the urgent need to invest in our power system. To-date, SaskPower has made 227 stops and

reached nearly 70,000 people in communities throughout the province.

How we connect with our customers – and how our customers are able to connect with us – has also become increasingly important. We're using social media for faster and more responsive outage communications and we've added new functionality to our website to allow customers to easily gather information on their most common questions. We've also enhanced self-service options on their online accounts, which provide an alternative to the traditional method of calling in to Customer Services Representatives. With additional methods on the horizon, we continue to look for programs and service delivery options that make our customers' lives easier.

## CONNECTING TO OUR WORKFORCE

It's our dedicated employees – nearly 3,150 across the province – who make us who we are. They work hard to provide power to the province 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. And while most of us take for granted that the lights will come on when we flip the switch, it's dangerous work for many. The safety of the public and our employees always comes first – it's a value that underpins everything we do.

During the year, our Safety Improvement Working Group took the time to meet with employees, asking what they would recommend to help us get better. Those recommendations have led to the creation of our Safety Improvement Program; its goal is to bring workplace injuries down to zero and to create a safety-first culture at SaskPower.

We have a lot to be proud of this year when it comes to our workforce. Once again we've been named among Canada's Top Diversity Employers, Canada's Top Employers for Young People and Saskatchewan's Top Employers. As well, for the first time, Forbes Magazine named us among its top employers across the country.

## CONNECTING TO EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY

This year, SaskPower and other Crown corporations realigned their fiscal years to mirror the April–March fiscal year of other government ministries and departments. This means that this current annual report covers the 15-month period from January 1, 2015, to March 31, 2016.

During this time, SaskPower achieved an operating income of \$124 million and an operating return on equity (ROE) of 5.7% before unrealized market value adjustments. However, as a result of non-cash losses on SaskPower's natural gas hedges our company recorded \$98 million in unrealized market value adjustments. This brought our net income to \$26 million, resulting in a net ROE of 1.2%. There are several factors that are affecting financial performance, but the most influential forces continue to be capital-related expenses – depreciation, finance charges, taxes and other expenses.

We are continually looking for efficiencies to mitigate the impact of our capital program on rates. In the 2015 calendar year alone, SaskPower reduced its budgeted operating, maintenance and administration spending by \$38 million. This was done through freezing management salaries, reducing spending on training, travel and contract services, and reducing the budgeted number of employees by not filling vacancies as people retire or leave the company.

Similarly, we're finding ways to reduce costs by doing our work differently. Through collaboration with other Crown corporations on the Joint Servicing Initiative, we've benefited from shared trenching and contractor costs. We've also started using an innovative technology that insulates deteriorated and cracked underground cables, providing up to an additional 30 years of use. At a fraction of the cost, this new process provides an alternative to our conventional repair method of digging up and replacing underground cable.

## CONNECTING TO OUR SYSTEM

In the fall, SaskPower and the province announced our plan to significantly increase the amount of renewable electricity in Saskatchewan's generation mix – from over 25% today to as much as 50% by 2030. This is expected to help us reduce SaskPower's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by approximately 40% from 2005 levels by 2030.

With project-specific announcements ahead, SaskPower is evaluating a full range of generation options, which will allow us to determine the portfolio that best enables us to deliver reliable, sustainable, and cost-effective power. Meanwhile, the Boundary Dam Integrated Carbon Capture and Storage (ICCS) Demonstration Project is showing stronger performance and is on target to capture 800,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide in 2016. With the recent announcement

of the BHP Billiton-SaskPower Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Knowledge Centre in Regina, we're proud to continue supporting the development and application of CCS technology worldwide as a key way to reduce GHG emissions from power production.

Our transmission and distribution infrastructure is also being renewed and expanded to meet new growth while addressing our aging grid. SaskPower invested \$672 million on growth and compliance initiatives, and \$491 million to sustain existing infrastructure.

Major projects this fiscal year included:

- The commissioning of a \$510-million expansion of Saskatoon's Queen Elizabeth Power Station on budget, which added 204 MW to the grid;
- The completion of the \$327-million I1K Transmission Line on budget, which offers improved service and reliability to the people of Northern Saskatchewan; and
- The completion of over 9,800 new customer account connections at a cost of nearly \$200 million.

These are just a few examples of the ways SaskPower is working to connect our province. We would like to thank our customers as well as our employees, Executive and Board Members, both past and present, for their dedication and support. We look forward to meeting the challenges and pursuing the opportunities of 2016-17 and beyond.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Pletch".

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Marsh".

Rob Pletch  
Chair, Board of Directors

Mike Marsh  
President & CEO

# 3,640 MW

RECORD PEAK LOAD

# 23,744 GIGAWATT HOURS<sup>1</sup>

RECORD GROSS  
ELECTRICITY SUPPLIED

# \$1.2 BILLION<sup>2</sup>

CAPITAL INVESTMENT  
IN SASKATCHEWAN'S ELECTRICITY SYSTEM

# 2015-16

## YEAR AT A GLANCE

- ⚡ **ANNOUNCED** a plan to increase renewable generation to up to 50% of total capacity by 2030, which will involve a major expansion of wind power augmented by solar, biomass, geothermal and hydro sources.
- ⚡ **CONNECTED** the new Morse Wind Energy Facility to Saskatchewan's grid, adding 23 megawatts (MW) of renewable capacity.
- ⚡ **LAUNCHED** a new flare gas project with Kineticor under the Flare Gas Power Generation Program, which is designed to help oil and gas operations reduce their environmental footprint by using flare gas to generate electricity.
- ⚡ **REACHED** an agreement with Manitoba Hydro to import 100 MW of firm capacity beginning in 2020.
- ⚡ **ANNOUNCED** a new combined cycle natural gas turbine generation facility to be located near Swift Current with up to 350 MW of capacity.
- ⚡ **COMPLETED** a 204-MW, \$510-million expansion of Queen Elizabeth Power Station on budget.
- ⚡ **COMPLETED** construction of the 230-kilovolt, \$327-million I1K Transmission Line on budget, linking Island Falls and Key Lake in Saskatchewan's North.
- ⚡ **LAUNCHED** the Shand Carbon Capture Test Facility, which provides a commercial-scale platform for assessing carbon capture technologies.
- ⚡ **ANNOUNCED** a global centre for carbon capture and storage knowledge in partnership with BHP Billiton.
- ⚡ **ACHIEVED** incremental demand savings of 16.7 MW through a portfolio of energy efficiency and conservation programs, exceeding our goal of reaching a 10-year accumulated target of 100 MW two years early.
- ⚡ **NAMED** one of Canada's 25 Best Employers by Forbes Magazine, as well as one of Saskatchewan's Top Employers, one of Canada's Top Employers for Young People, and one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers.
- ⚡ **CONTINUED** the Power to Grow tour, reaching an additional 43,050 participants at 109 stops throughout Saskatchewan to provide an interactive and engaging way to learn about the province's electrical infrastructure challenges.



## CONNECTING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY

The new Morse Wind Energy Facility is providing 23 MW of renewable power to Saskatchewan's grid — enough electricity to serve more than 9,000 homes. Our company has set a target of up to 50% renewable electricity generation capacity in our province by 2030, which will involve a major expansion of wind energy.

## CONNECTING TO GROWTH

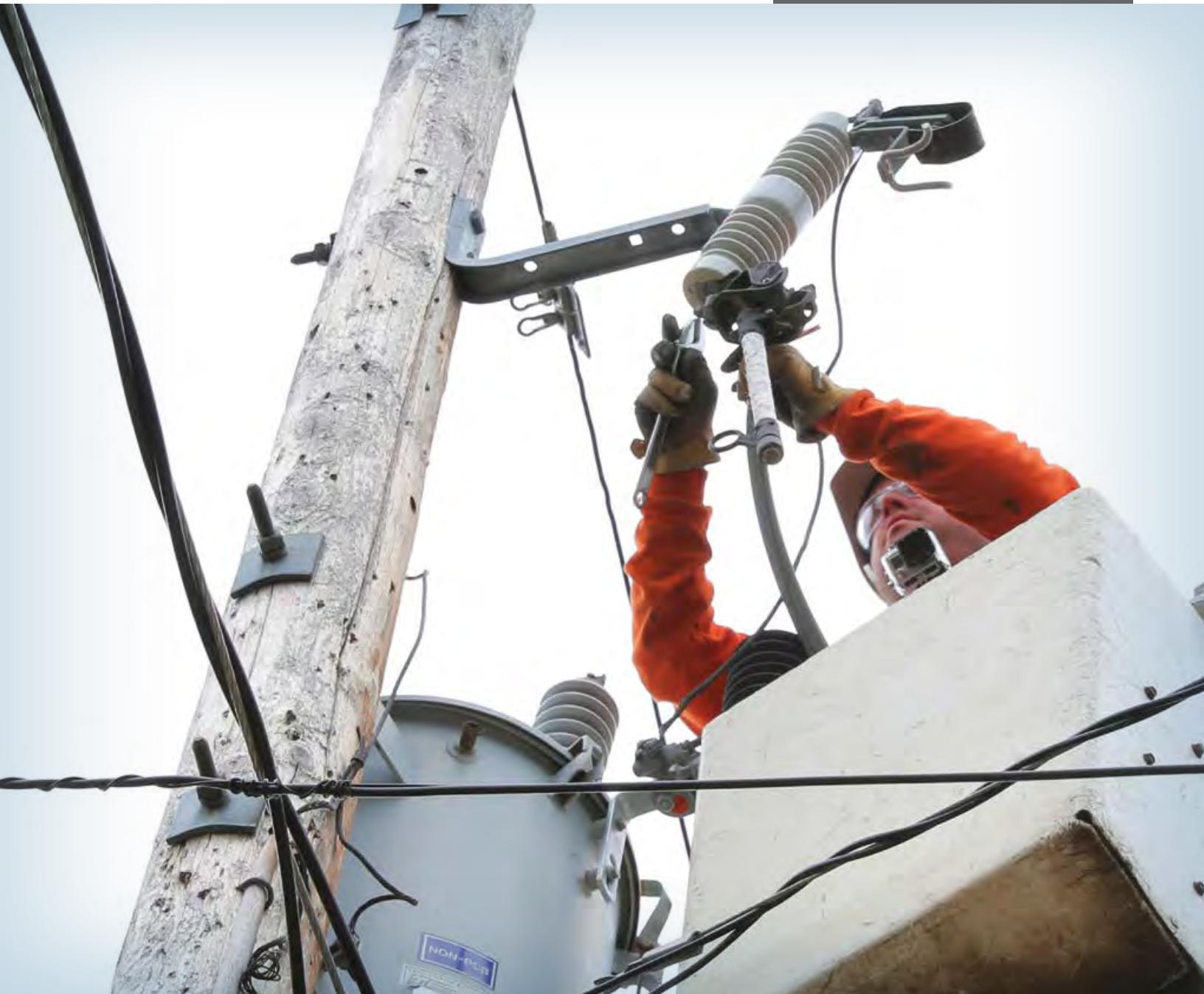
A \$510 million expansion of Queen Elizabeth Power Station adds 204 MW of natural gas-fired capacity to our province's system, enough power for more than 200,000 homes. Because of its ability to act as a backup source, additional natural gas generation supports our company's plans for the introduction of more wind capacity.





## CONNECTING TO RELIABILITY

SaskPower has increased spending in Saskatchewan's two biggest urban centres to improve system reliability. Cable injection projects in Regina and Saskatoon are lessening failures on older underground distribution systems. As well, a heightened tree trimming program and an initiative to install additional wildlife protection on apparatus are continuing.



## CONNECTING TO THE GLOBE

SaskPower's new Shand Carbon Capture Test Facility is providing a commercial-scale platform to test equipment, chemical innovation and engineering designs. SaskPower is also partnering with BHP Billiton to establish a carbon capture and storage (CCS) knowledge centre in Saskatchewan. It includes a \$20 million contribution from BHP Billiton over five years, while SaskPower will provide its CCS experience.





## CONNECTING TO RESPONSIVENESS

SaskPower was significantly impacted by northern summer wildfires that resulted from extreme dry conditions. A mandatory evacuation was ordered for many communities, and our company worked closely with the provincial Emergency Operations Centre to ensure a coordinated response to the fire threat. A number of SaskPower employees were deployed to respond to damaged and downed power lines, with crews supporting the operation of essential services such as water treatment plants, health centres and sewage lift stations.



## CONNECTING TO CUSTOMERS

During the year, SaskPower's Lighting Discount Program reached 35,000 customers in 12 communities across Saskatchewan. The goal is to provide customers with information to make informed energy-efficient product purchases, which will help them use less power and save money. For the second year in a row, the program received an award from Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield and the Saskatchewan Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development.







## CONNECTING TO SAFETY

A Safety Improvement Working Group – made up of 13 representatives from high-risk work groups across the company – has evaluated the current state of safety at SaskPower, benchmarked best practices, gathered feedback from employees and created recommendations to achieve our goal of zero injuries. As a result, a new Safety Improvement Program has been initiated to develop and implement solutions to our company's safety challenges.



## CONNECTING TO EFFICIENCY

SaskPower's Industrial Energy Optimization Program (IEOP) provides customers with customized technical assistance as well as financial incentives for the identification, development and implementation of energy efficiency projects. Through the IEOP, steelmaker EVRAZ was able to optimize energy use in its particulate collection system. Confirmed savings are 1.7 MW of demand and 12.9 gigawatt hours/year in energy, which represents SaskPower's largest industrial energy efficiency project for a single customer to-date.





## CONNECTING TO INCLUSIVITY

Once again named one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers, our company places a premium on workplace diversity and inclusiveness. SaskPower's Diversity Program is made up of several affinity groups, many of which work together to organize special events and awareness campaigns.



## CONNECTING TO COMMUNITY

SaskPower's Knapsack Program aims to help keep kids in school by providing them everything they need for success, as statistics show children are less likely to attend school if their families cannot afford school supplies. For each of the past six summers, SaskPower employees have collected enough supplies for an entire school. During the past year, knapsacks filled with over 14,000 school supplies were delivered to students at the Prince Arthur Community School in Moose Jaw.



# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 1, 2016

The following is a discussion of the consolidated financial condition and results of the operations of Saskatchewan Power Corporation (SaskPower; the Corporation) for the 12 months ended December 31, 2015, and the 15 months ended March 31, 2016. It should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and accompanying notes. The financial information discussed herein has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Under the direction of the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance, the Corporation's financial reporting year-end has transitioned from December 31 to March 31. This change will bring alignment across the Crowns and government for budgeting, planning and reporting purposes. For the current transition year, comparative information is presented for the 2014 and 2015 calendar years (SaskPower's prior fiscal reporting period). As well, financial results are provided for the first three months of 2016 and the 15 months ended March 31, 2016.

This management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) contains forward-looking statements based on the Corporation's estimates and assumptions concerning future results and events. Due to the risks and uncertainties inherent in any forecast outlook, the actual results of the Corporation could differ materially from those anticipated. These risks and uncertainties include natural gas prices; coal and hydro availability; weather; economic conditions; number of customers; and market conditions in other jurisdictions.

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# OUR BUSINESS

At SaskPower, we are committed to supporting economic growth and enhancing quality of life in Saskatchewan. At the foundation of our business strategy is the pursuit of our vision of being an industry-leading company, powering Saskatchewan through innovation, performance and service. We work around the clock to provide power generation, transmission and distribution services to almost 522,000 customer accounts. Our company prides itself on maintaining one of the largest service areas in Canada — a geographic region of approximately 652,000 square kilometres.

SaskPower is a vertically integrated utility with nearly 3,150 permanent full-time employees. Almost one-half of our workforce is comprised of members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2067. Approximately 15% of workers belong to Unifor Local 649, with out-of-scope staff accounting for the balance.

Our company manages more than \$10 billion in assets, relying on a generating fleet that uses a wide range of fuels that include natural gas, coal, hydro, and wind. This diversity provides a hedge against supply and price volatility, protecting customers from some of the risk inherent in any single fuel. SaskPower has two wholly owned subsidiaries — NorthPoint Energy Solutions and SaskPower International.

# 521,745

NUMBER OF CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS

## MANDATE

SaskPower traces its origins to the Saskatchewan Power Commission that was founded in 1929. In 1949, our company was incorporated as a provincial Crown corporation under the authority and mandate of *The Power Corporation Act* (the Act). The Act has had a number of modifications over its lifetime. However, SaskPower's mission — ensuring reliable, sustainable and cost-effective power — has not fundamentally changed.

The Act grants SaskPower the exclusive franchise within the province of Saskatchewan (except for the City of Saskatoon and the City of Swift Current) to supply, transmit and distribute electricity, as well as to provide retail services to customers. The reseller class of customer is

restricted to two cities that retained their municipal franchise — the City of Swift Current and the City of Saskatoon.

SaskPower opened Saskatchewan's wholesale electricity market to competition through an open access transmission tariff (OATT) in 2001. It allows competitors to schedule access to our transmission system, enabling them to wheel power through Saskatchewan or sell to SaskPower's wholesale (reseller) customers.

Our company's vision, mission and values flow from the Act and SaskPower's relationship with our parent company, Crown Investments Corporation (CIC) of Saskatchewan. We support the strategic direction provided by CIC. In turn, CIC is responsive to general government

direction as articulated in a variety of ways, such as through the annual Speech from the Throne or formal policy statements.

Pursuant to the Act, the President and Chief Executive Officer of SaskPower reports to a Board of Directors appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Through the Chair, our company's Board of Directors is accountable to the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation. The Minister functions as a link between SaskPower and provincial cabinet, as well as the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly.

# OUR CAPABILITY TO DELIVER RESULTS

SaskPower maintains an extensive province-wide system of generation, transmission and distribution assets. With a history of innovation spanning more than 85 years, our company remains focused on strengthening our customers' experience while achieving our mission of providing Saskatchewan with a reliable, sustainable and cost-effective supply of electricity.

## SUPPLY

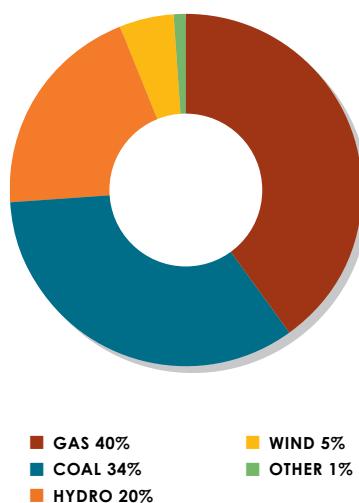
To maintain reliability of service, SaskPower operates with a generating capacity greater than the province's peak demand. Our company's available capacity is 4,437 megawatts (MW), up 256 MW from 2014 due to the 204 MW expansion at Queen Elizabeth Power Station, the addition of the 23-MW Morse Wind Energy Facility, the addition of a 1-MW flare gas project, a 25-MW power purchase agreement (PPA) with Manitoba Hydro, and other capacity increases totaling 3 MW.

Available capacity includes 3,542 MW available from our company's own assets — five natural gas stations, three coal-fired stations, seven hydroelectric stations, and two wind facilities. SaskPower also has a generating capacity of 895 MW available through long-term PPAs.

The total available generating capacity is above our company's record system peak load of 3,640 MW, which was set in January 2016. SaskPower's reserve generating capacity — the difference between total available generating capacity and load — provides our company with the ability to carry out annual maintenance programs without compromising reserve capacity requirements. Our company's operating

reserve is 291 MW, of which 40% or 116 MW must be spinning.

**2015-16  
AVAILABLE GENERATING CAPACITY**  
4,437 MW



We achieved our 10-year target two years early by saving more than 100 MW of capacity through a variety of demand side management (DSM) initiatives, including energy efficiency, conservation and load management activities. SaskPower also provides opportunities for customer self-generation.

## NETWORK

SaskPower's vast power line system provides the vital link between electricity generation sources and customers. Our transmission system is made up of 13,964 circuit kilometres of high voltage transmission lines and 55 switching stations located across Saskatchewan. SaskPower's transmission lines operate at high voltages (72,000 volts and above) in order to efficiently transport large volumes of electricity from generating stations to load centres — cities, towns or large industrial or commercial customers.

Our distribution system consists of 143,020 circuit kilometres of power lines, 194 distribution substations and 183,231 pole and pad-mounted transformers. SaskPower's distribution lines are lower voltage lines (25,000 volts and under) that are used to supply power to residential users and smaller commercial consumers.

CIRCUIT KILOMETRES OF POWER LINES

**156,984**

# 50%

TARGETED AMOUNT OF RENEWABLE GENERATION CAPACITY BY 2030

SaskPower's infrastructure includes the Grid Control Centre, which directs the safe and reliable operation of the power system, as well as the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system that enables the remote operation and control of our facilities. The challenge of managing our transmission and distribution systems is considerable because of the large geographic size of the province, locations of various sources of generation, and a dispersed and relatively small population.

SaskPower has transmission interconnections with Manitoba, Alberta and North Dakota. These provide our company with the capability to import or export electricity to meet higher internal demand or take advantage of export market opportunities. Under normal system conditions, the import capability is up to 220 MW from Manitoba, 75 MW from Alberta and 50 MW from North Dakota. The export capability is up to 90 MW to Manitoba, 153 MW to Alberta and 100 MW to North Dakota.

These interconnection capabilities vary with system conditions, including generation and load level. In compliance with the OATT, SaskPower is required to compete with other suppliers for access to these interconnections.

## OUTLOOK

SaskPower is currently in one of the most challenging eras in company history. While growth in Saskatchewan is tapering off, in recent years SaskPower has directed a great deal of resources

to facilitate unprecedented economic and population expansion.

Meanwhile, our company's generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure is aging and will require us to rebuild, replace or renew it in its entirety over the next 40 years.

As well, challenges associated with climate change are heightening. Federal carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions regulations are in place that will eliminate one of our primary baseload electricity sources — conventional coal-fired generation. In addition, CO<sub>2</sub> regulations governing natural gas generation emissions are expected in the future.

Peak load records continue to be set annually, signalling our ongoing need to source new generation. Large-scale industrial and commercial customers represent a significant amount of Saskatchewan's total electricity demand — less than 50 customers account for almost 40% of our province's load. Decisions made by these large customers can significantly affect the province's electricity requirements.

To address the challenges around meeting future demand, we are continuously engaged in extensive system planning. A new Integrated Resource Plan — bringing together a strategic outlook for generation supply, the transmission system and DSM activities — is expected in 2016-17.

Over the past five fiscal years, SaskPower has added 641 MW of new capacity while retiring 156 MW of coal-fired generation and an additional 30 MW of other generation.

We have also reached an agreement with Manitoba Hydro to import 100 MW of firm capacity from 2020 to 2040. Approximately 350 MW will be added to the system via a combined cycle gas turbine near Swift Current in 2019.

During the year, SaskPower and the province announced our renewables strategy with an objective of reaching up to 50% renewable capacity by 2030. Our target is to reduce SaskPower's greenhouse gas emissions by over 40% from 2005 levels by 2030.

It is expected that significant additions of wind power will be augmented by other renewables, such as biomass and solar. In fact, our longer-term goal is to have 30% wind power capacity — involving the addition of up to 1,600 MW — by 2030. Meanwhile, our company estimates the addition of 100-300 MW of solar generation during the same time period.

In 2016-17, our company will be investing significantly in the grid as well, with an estimated \$148 million directed to transmission and distribution sustainment projects and \$256 million directed to transmission and distribution growth projects.

# OUR ENTERPRISE-WIDE STRATEGIC CONTEXT

**VISION** An industry-leading company, powering Saskatchewan through innovation, performance and service.

**MISSION** Ensuring reliable, sustainable and cost-effective power for our customers.

**VALUES** Safety, openness, dedication and respect.

SaskPower's corporate strategy is designed to maximize organizational performance. Our Strategic Direction is articulated in our vision, mission, and values statements. Our vision reminds us of the ideals we are pursuing and what we want to achieve in years to come. Our mission tells us why our business exists and defines its unique purpose. Our values are the fundamental principles that guide and govern our behaviour.

Our planning, execution and performance measurement are built around four corporate pillars. They are our company's foundation for success, and are the key result areas that form the basis of individual goal-setting. Each pillar plays a prominent role in SaskPower's Business Plan, Performance Management Plan and Corporate Balanced Scorecard, which are updated annually. Input is provided by our employees, Executive and Board of Directors. The resulting course is closely aligned with the direction of our shareholder, CIC.

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# OUR PERFORMANCE MEASURES, TARGETS AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

SaskPower's four corporate pillars propel the operational and financial success of our business. They are the foundation of our Corporate Balanced Scorecard, which provides the framework for our day-to-day work, creation of targets, measurement of organizational performance, and execution of long-term planning.

During 2015-16, we took a number of steps to advance our vision of becoming an industry-leading company. In addition to fulfilling our mission of providing reliable, sustainable and cost-effective power to customers, we made our company stronger by moving forward with our plan for the renewal and growth of our power grid through innovative and sustainable solutions. The targets, results and strategic initiatives associated with each of SaskPower's corporate pillars are contained within this section.

## SASKPOWER CORPORATE BALANCED SCORECARD

Corporate pillars & performance measures	Twelve months December 31 2014 actual	Twelve months December 31 2015 target <sup>1</sup>	Twelve months December 31 2015 actual	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16 actual
<b>CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE &amp; STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS</b>				
M1. Customer Experience Index (residential/business/industrial)	5.8/7.0/7.5	5.9/ <sup>*</sup> /7.6	5.7/7.2/7.6	5.7/7.2/7.6
M2. New Connect Construction Index (%) (NEW FOR 2016-17)	•	•	•	•
M3. DSM peak demand <sup>2</sup> /energy savings (MW/GWh) (REVISED FOR 2016-17)	13/ <sup>*</sup>	10/ <sup>*</sup>	16.7/ <sup>*</sup>	16.7/ <sup>*</sup>
M4. Stakeholder Relations Index <sup>3</sup>	6.8	7.3	7.3	7.3
<b>WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE</b>				
M5. Employee engagement (%)	•	58	56	56
M6. Diversity hires (net) (NEW FOR 2016-17)	•	•	•	•
M7. Safety Index <sup>4</sup> (REVISED FOR 2016-17)	4.0	1.1	1.1	•
<b>EFFICIENCY, QUALITY &amp; COST MANAGEMENT</b>				
M8. Return on equity (operating/net income) (%)	2.0/2.7	3.7	4.7/1.8	5.7/1.2
M9. Per cent debt ratio (%)	73.1	74.4	74.8	75.7
M10. OM&A/property, plant and equipment (%)	7.7	7.0	6.9	6.9
M11. Competitive versus single source procurement (%)	91	85	82	85
M12. Aboriginal procurement (%) (NEW FOR 2016-17)	•	•	•	•
M13. Rates - thermal utilities comparison (%)	91.0	≤100	99.7	99.7
<b>SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE &amp; RELIABILITY</b>				
M14. Equivalent availability factor <sup>5</sup> (%)	83.0	86.8	86.2	•
M15. Preventable outages (distribution)	•	100.0	105.2	120.6
M16. SAIDI/SAIFI (distribution) (hours/outages)	5.1/2.5	5.9/2.4	5.2/2.4	5.8/2.7
M17. SAIDI/SAIFI (transmission) (minutes/outages)	191/3.6	250/2.4	144/2.4	172/2.8
M18. Planned maintenance (distribution/transmission) (%)	•	55/80	64/94	66/94
M19. Renewable generation portfolio <sup>6</sup> (%)	25.9	26.5	25.7	25.7
M20. CO <sub>2</sub> e emissions intensity <sup>7</sup> (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e/GWh)	629	649	646	643
M21. Information technology development spend (%)	37	>30	39	38

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

1. No new targets were created/approved in relation to the extended 15-month reporting period for 2015-16.

2. Name change - formerly "DSM incremental savings" (methodology remains the same).

3. Name change - formerly "Corporate Reputation Index" (methodology remains the same).

4. Results are reported on a 12-month cycle.

5. Results are reported on a calendar year basis.

6. Name change - formerly "non-thermal supply sources" (methodology remains the same).

7. 2014 actual restated from 2014 Annual Report (660 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/GWh) and 2015 target (678 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/GWh) restated — previously reported amounts excluded wind and other zero-emission generation sources.

OUR BUSINESS IS DEFINED BY OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH CUSTOMERS AND STAKEHOLDERS AT ALL LEVELS. WE ARE WORKING TO PROVIDE OUR CUSTOMERS WITH MORE CHOICE, CONTROL AND CONVENIENCE, WHILE IMPROVING OUR COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPARENCY BY ENGAGING ON WHAT MATTERS MOST TO THEM. WE WELCOME DIALOGUE AND WORK TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAKEHOLDERS TO PROVIDE INPUT.

## CORPORATE PILLAR 1

### CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS

#### CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Delivering an exceptional customer experience is a top priority for our company. Customers continue to expect more choice and control over their electrical service to help make their lives easier. SaskPower's customer experience strategy focuses on the four key areas that have the greatest impact on customer experience:

- Create a customer-focused culture – Build a workplace environment that puts the customer first and recognizes the benefits of focusing on customers.
- Optimize customer interactions – Meet customer expectations during every interaction by consistently providing high quality, convenient service on their terms.
- Deliver value to customers – Develop services that provide customers with greater control over their power use and opportunities to minimize the impact of rate increases.
- Engage customers and stakeholders – Build positive customer relationships through active promotion of programs and services and frequent customer engagement.

Our customers expect us to deliver segment-specific programs, services and support; provide faster and easier access to information that matters to them; increase customer engagement and transparency; and deliver reliable power. SaskPower continues to demonstrate its customer focus through continuous improvements to service delivery and enhancements to programs and services, such as:

#### KEY AND MAJOR CUSTOMERS

- Delivering personalized service – SaskPower remains committed to providing an enhanced level of service to our largest industrial and commercial accounts through dedicated key account managers, assigned Executive sponsors, regular strategic meetings, and dialogue regarding power rates and system reliability.
- Demonstrating a commitment to better understand our customers' businesses – SaskPower participates in customer-coordinated site tours and hosts operations and plant tours and demonstrations to facilitate a mutual understanding of each other's businesses.

1,115,728

NUMBER OF CUSTOMER TELEPHONE INQUIRIES

## Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure

### M1. CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE INDEX (RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL) (10-POINT SCALE)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	5.4/•/7.1	5.9/•/7.6	•/•/•	5.8/7.3/7.7	5.9/7.4/7.8	6.0/7.4/7.8	6.5/7.6/8.0
Actual	5.8/7.0/7.5	5.7/7.2/7.6	5.7/7.2/7.6				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

The Customer Experience Index is comprised of the results of questions asked in SaskPower's residential, business and industrial customer experience surveys. It is the sum of weighted scores for four core areas: customer perceptions about SaskPower, contact experience, products and services and value for money. These drivers prioritize areas for improvement based on how much impact they have on the overall experience score.

This measure is assessed annually and SaskPower has developed increasing customer experience targets over the next few years and in the long term.

- Residential customers – Residential customer experience scores have remained relatively consistent from 2014 to 2015 following a positive upward trend starting in 2012. Also in 2015, the Canadian Electricity Association conducted its annual customer satisfaction survey of residential electric utility customers across the country. SaskPower received the highest overall customer satisfaction results among the major Canadian utilities in this survey and for the eighth year in a row, ranked above the national average for customer satisfaction.
- Small and medium business (SMB) customers – SMB customer scores have been informally measured the past two years to establish a benchmark for target setting. They have increased from 7.0 in 2014 to 7.2 in 2015. In the most recent customer experience survey, 62% of our business customers rated their experience with SaskPower as "excellent."
- Industrial customers – Industrial customer experience scores increased slightly in 2015 and have been trending upward for three years. Positive industrial scores can be attributed to the renewed commitment SaskPower has made to understand the businesses of its largest customers, while also working to educate them through regular dialogue regarding power rates and system reliability.

- Providing more detailed insights regarding SaskPower's business plans – Our company continues to have in-depth discussions with customers about SaskPower's operational efficiency improvements, infrastructure plans and outage communications, as well as shares forecasts and insights regarding future potential rate increases.
- Offering programs that support customers in reducing their usage – SaskPower offers our industrial customers the Industrial Energy Optimization Program (IEOP), which provides customers with customized high-quality technical assistance and financial incentives towards energy management and capital projects that will reduce their power usage and improve their energy efficiency.

### RESIDENTIAL & SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESS CUSTOMERS

- Developing new and improved customer self-service capabilities – SaskPower continues to make advancements in this area which include providing improvements to information and functionality on saskpower.com, improving the online billing experience (MyPower Account), and continuing to provide the opportunity for customers to submit their own meter reads.

- Enhancing the Customer Care Centre experience – SaskPower implemented a comprehensive training and quality assurance program for front-line Customer Care Centre staff to more efficiently and effectively serve customers. In addition, various enhancements were made to the systems used to serve customers to ensure continued timely service.
- Providing opportunities for customer and stakeholder engagement – SaskPower proactively engages with customers in a variety of ways, including the Power To Grow provincial tour, community consultations on planned infrastructure projects, Twitter for timely outage communications, and more.
- Delivering customer education on energy efficiency – SaskPower provides customers with information on how to be more energy efficient at home and in their businesses and provides information on new energy efficiency products and technology. Our company's energy education and engagement programs include in-store engagements, social media, tradeshows, as well as engagements with business and professional associations.

## CONNECTING OUR CUSTOMERS

We remain focused on connecting new customers to the grid in a timely fashion. SaskPower spent nearly \$200 million connecting customers in 2015-16; over the past five years, we have been averaging the addition of 9,500 customer accounts each year.

With online new connect forms becoming available during the year, requesting new service became easier for urban residential customers. This enhancement is part of the Joint Servicing Initiative, which SaskPower launched in

collaboration with SaskEnergy and SaskTel. The objective of the partnership is to afford convenience and one-stop shopping for urban residential customers seeking shallow underground utility services. Customers can now apply to any of the three Crown utilities to initiate service connection from all three parties. This program facilitates service installation through a dedicated contract provider utilizing a common trench that minimizes the utility footprint and potential impacts on property owners.

### Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure

#### M2. NEW CONNECT CONSTRUCTION INDEX (%) (NEW FOR 2016-17)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	•	•	•	70	70	72	80
Actual	•	•	•				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

The New Connect Construction Index will be a new measure for 2016-17. It measures the percentage of new connect delivery jobs in which construction is completed before the later of the need date provided by the customer and the targeted cycle time for the relevant new connect order type.

The New Connect Construction Index target for 2016-17 is 70%.

## EFFICIENCY, CONSERVATION AND LOAD MANAGEMENT

Demand Side Management (DSM) – SaskPower's energy efficiency and conservation programs – are playing an important and growing role in securing Saskatchewan's electricity supply. Our company supports the adoption of energy-efficient technologies and provides conservation and efficiency education to residential and business customers with the long-term goal of transforming Saskatchewan into a more sustainable and efficient market.

Through our programs, we're helping reduce the need for new generation and infrastructure, while realizing environmental and economic benefits. We're also committed to educating customers on how to make the most informed decisions, while also providing them with greater control and choice over their power use and presenting opportunities to minimize the impact of rate increases. It is estimated that 25-30% of DSM-related energy savings can be expected from the industrial market, 40-45% from the commercial market, 30-35% from the residential market and approximately 1% from customer self-generation with renewable forms of energy.

As one of our most wide-reaching residential energy efficiency programs, the Lighting Discount Program featured

in-store lighting representatives at retail locations across the province. Its goal is to help customers choose the right energy-efficient lighting products to help them save power and money. In 2015-16, in-store lighting representatives visited 12 communities, generating approximately 35,000 customer conversations in about 280 retail outlets. The program offered instant in-store discounts on energy-efficient lighting products to customers. SaskPower received an award for the education component of the Lighting Discount Program from Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield and the Saskatchewan Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development.

In 2015-16, SaskPower also designed and implemented a Home Assistance Pilot Program to assist low-income households in reducing electricity needs and saving money on power bills. The first phase was executed in collaboration with the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, which assisted with coordination of the delivery and installation of energy efficiency kits for seven northern communities. The learnings from the pilot will be applied to the design and development of other low-income programs.

With the consumer market shifting toward creation of a connected home – where “smart” products allow customers to have better control over their power consumption – SaskPower implemented a Home Automation Pilot Project, the first of its kind in Canada. The pilot project focused on promoting the adoption of new energy efficiency products at discounted prices to customers, including: smart thermostats, smart power bars, smart plugs and clotheslines. Similar to the Lighting Discount Program, in-store representatives visited three communities across the province, generating approximately 5,000 customer conversations in 23 retail outlets.

SaskPower recognizes the unique needs of small and medium businesses and industrial customers across the province. Our company is committed to offering a range of programs that help provide more control over the power use and opportunities to minimize the impact of rate increases.

As the longest standing energy-efficient program for businesses, SaskPower offers the Commercial Lighting Rebate Program for energy-efficient lighting. Since 2012, 3,600 participating customers have switched out over 250,000 bulbs and created 7.5 MW of savings. Our company also offers the IEOP, which provides customized technical assistance and financial incentives for the identification, development and implementation of energy efficiency projects for key and major customer accounts.

SaskPower also introduced a new initiative focusing on education and outreach into the business community in 2015. Throughout the year, our company met with more than 30 groups and professional associations to discuss the energy efficiency and self-generation programs offered to business customers. These engagements were also used as an opportunity for SaskPower to gain valuable feedback, as well as identify opportunities for future collaboration.

In the course of collaborating with one of our industrial customers through the IEOP, an opportunity was identified to optimize energy use by replacing inefficient system components. As a result of replacing these components with more efficient counterparts, steelmaker Evraz realized significant energy savings. This project is SaskPower’s largest energy efficiency project for a single customer to-date, with confirmed savings of 1.7 MW of demand and 12.9 gigawatt-hours (GWh)/year in energy, or enough electricity to power more than 1,450 homes.

Our company partnered with the Saskatchewan Science Centre, the Regina & Region Homebuilders' Association and Homes by Dream to create the new Building Connections exhibit that opened at the Saskatchewan Science Centre in October 2015. This exhibit focuses on sustainable home construction and power conservation in the home and community. Children and families are encouraged to learn more about balancing their needs with the needs of a sustainable future. The exhibit received national recognition, with the Saskatchewan Science Centre receiving the 2016 award for Best Exhibit or Show for a small institution from the Canadian Association of Science Centres.



### Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure

M3. DSM PEAK DEMAND<sup>1</sup>/ENERGY SAVINGS (MW/GWH) (REVISED FOR 2016-17)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	9/•	10/•	•/•	10/50	10/52	10/54	10/55
Actual	13/•	16.7/•	16.7/•				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

1. Name change - formerly "DSM incremental savings" (methodology remains the same).

The DSM peak demand metric measures the reduction in peak electricity demand in MW resulting from the various DSM programs delivered. The accumulated reduction is achieved through energy efficiency and conservation measures, demand response and system improvement programs.

In 2015-16, SaskPower achieved a 16.7 MW reduction in peak demand, exceeding the year's target of 10 MW by over 50%. Reductions in peak demand were largely achieved through our Lighting Discount Program, Commercial Lighting Rebate Program and IEOP. Strong overall results have allowed our company to surpass our 10-year target to achieve an accumulated reduction in excess of 100 MW two years early. This is enough electricity to power 34,000 homes for a year. Meanwhile, the reduction in carbon emissions is equivalent to taking 54,000 cars off the road or planting 29 million new trees.

The DSM energy savings metric measures the volume of energy saved in GWh resulting from the various DSM programs delivered, and is a new metric which will begin in 2016-17. The DSM energy savings target for 2016-17 is 50 GWh.

## STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS

Consultation programs for SaskPower projects are designed to engage a wide variety of stakeholders and rights holders, including customers, communities, landowners, Aboriginal groups, businesses, municipalities, regulators and government agencies. Successful engagement with stakeholders is essential to obtaining regulatory approval in order to construct new infrastructure or upgrade existing facilities.

SaskPower's consultation programs typically include early contact with local officials through delivery of project presentations; broad distribution of detailed project information; public open house information sessions; meetings with individuals and interest groups; media releases; advertisements; and direct correspondence and discussion.

In 2015-16, SaskPower engaged stakeholders on a variety of infrastructure projects, including the Martensville to Saskatoon 230-138 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line; Aberdeen to Wolverine 230-kV Transmission Line; Pasqua to Swift Current 230-138-kV Transmission Line; Vale to Rowatt 230-kV Transmission Line; Pasqua to K+S Potash 230-kV Transmission Line; Superb 138-25-kV Substation; Albert Park 72-25-kV Substation; and Island Falls and Whitesand Dam Safety Projects.

Meanwhile, stakeholder consultations were completed in Swift Current regarding a potential site for a new natural gas generation project. In northern Saskatchewan, consultations were held related to SaskPower's Trapper Compensation Program and Integrated Vegetation Management Program.

As well, support was also provided to the community of Black Lake as it held a vote related to the proposed Tazi Twé Hydroelectric Project. Results indicated a majority of residents are in favour of the project and a partnership with SaskPower. Partnership agreements are still pending and the project is subject to final approval from the provincial government.

SaskPower's provincial Power to Grow tour continues to be successful in engaging residents about the province's electrical infrastructure challenges and the urgent need to invest in our power system. Since launching the tour in July 2014, our company has made 227 stops in communities throughout Saskatchewan and has reached nearly 70,000 people.

## ABORIGINAL RELATIONS

Saskatchewan's First Nations and Métis communities are key SaskPower stakeholders. This is reflected in our company's

82%

POWER TO GROW TOUR PARTICIPANTS THAT BELIEVE SASKATCHEWAN IS FACING AN ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGE

Aboriginal Relations Policy, which enables SaskPower to build positive long-term relationships with Aboriginal communities and facilitates the achievement of specific business objectives for SaskPower. It supports Aboriginal economic development activities in Saskatchewan and promotes clear and open communication in response to social, economic and environmental issues that are of mutual concern.

SaskPower is working closely with Aboriginal communities out of respect for Aboriginal people and culture, and because their input is an integral component of successful project development, project operation and mitigation of impacts. Our company is committed to informing and consulting with Aboriginal people and communities at an early stage with respect to planned activities, and we are incorporating traditional knowledge and community input along the way.

The formation of business partnerships is one way in which SaskPower and Aboriginal people, communities and businesses are mutually benefiting from electricity-related projects and operations. SaskPower is also focused on providing employment, contracting, and other opportunities. In Saskatchewan, the Aboriginal population is one of the fastest growing segments, and represents an important source of future employment.

In 2015-16, SaskPower transitioned its Aboriginal Relations area to an operational model. The department not only continues to help our company advance key Aboriginal initiatives identified in the strategic framework, but also continues to move forward efforts regarding resolution to outstanding historical issues. During the year, our company continued to strengthen existing relationships and build new connections with Aboriginal people as potential employees, customers, suppliers, contractors and partners in large business ventures.

Activities also included:

- Continuing to implement a five-year relationship and investment strategy with the northern village of Sandy Bay;
- Continuing efforts to increase Aboriginal business participation, including refining our company's Aboriginal Procurement Policy with specific language and weighting measures for requests for proposals (RFPs);
- Signing a renewed three-year funding agreement with First Nations Power Authority, increasing its capacity to facilitate First Nations participation in power generation opportunities; and
- Supporting the facilitation and delivery of the Northlands College Power Line Technician Training Program.

During the year, SaskPower also continued a far north pilot project to further advance several first-ever projects that aim to improve energy efficiency, promote environmental protection, and employ people in northern Saskatchewan.

One notable example is the Athabasca Region Recycling Project. A continuation of a pilot project undertaken in 2014, it is an appliance recycling program that will remove approximately 250,000 pounds of solid and hazardous waste from the Black Lake First Nation in northern Saskatchewan.

The initiative has created 12 temporary full-time positions and provided valuable training opportunities and work experience to local residents. Environmental benefits include the removal of white metal appliances from on-reserve landfills and mitigation of environmental contamination from hazardous materials such as mercury, halocarbons, petro-chemical lubricants and CO<sub>2</sub>.

### **Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure**

#### **M4. STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS INDEX<sup>1</sup> (10-POINT SCALE) (RETIRING)**

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	7.2	7.3	•	•	•	•	•
Actual	6.8	7.3	7.3				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

1. Name change - formerly "Corporate Reputation Index" (methodology remains the same).

The Stakeholder Relations Index is derived from an annual customer survey and is measured on a 10-point scale. It evaluates SaskPower's corporate reputation among key stakeholders including business and customer associations, First Nations organizations, municipal governments and associations, health regions and school divisions. A higher score indicates better performance.

During the year, SaskPower met the target of 7.3 for the Stakeholder Relations Index. Scores increased in all five categories: customer satisfaction, considering customer input in decision-making, commitment to meeting expectations, trust, and transparency. This measure is assessed annually, therefore there is no change between 2015 and 2015-16 results.

# 250,000 LBS

APPROXIMATE TOTAL WEIGHT OF INEFFICIENT APPLIANCES  
TO BE REMOVED FROM BLACK LAKE DENESULINE FIRST  
NATION HOMES AND LANDFILLS

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

SaskPower's Community Investment Policy, which ensures our sponsorships are closely aligned to our company's strategic priorities, focuses on educational programming within three areas: workforce excellence (building our next generation of employees); safety (keeping our customers safe around electricity); and conservation and efficiency (creating a community of customers who find ways to save power and protect the environment). In 2015-16, our company invested just under \$1.9 million in Saskatchewan communities.



Youth who are both our potential future customers and employees remain a key target audience for SaskPower. Throughout 2015-16, our company continued to focus on programs aimed at improving educational outcomes. Partnering with the YMCA of Moose Jaw, SaskPower sponsored the new Shared Services Mentorship Program, Steps 4 Success. The program specializes in self-esteem, belonging and identity-related subject matter. It ran in eight elementary and high schools throughout the Holy Trinity Catholic School and Prairie South School Divisions. The goal is to increase graduation rates while lowering dropout rates by providing students with resiliency skills, support, and resources to decrease barriers.

Meanwhile, for the sixth consecutive year SaskPower employees collected enough supplies for an entire school as part of our company's Knapsack Program. On the first day of the educational year, 300 backpacks containing more than 14,000 school supplies were delivered to elementary students at Moose Jaw's Prince Arthur Community School. Statistics show children are less likely to attend school if their families cannot afford to provide them school supplies. The program

is aimed at keeping kids in school and providing them with the tools they need to succeed, with the intent that they will consider SaskPower as a future employer when entering high school and planning their careers.

After a decade of continuous support, SaskPower seized the opportunity in 2015 to become the title sponsor of the Northern Reading Program, organized by the Pahkisimon Nuye?ah Library System. This engaging program promotes literacy and higher learning in parts of the province where students may not always have the same opportunities as children in our larger towns and cities. While 21 communities participated in the program's Readingest Community in Northern Saskatchewan challenge, 10 schools were visited by the program's tour as part of Aboriginal Storytelling Month in Saskatchewan.

SaskPower also called on employees across the province to donate books for the new Power of Reading Program. Employees collected 4,490 books, exceeding the goal of 3,600. Across the province, 19 communities, including 11 in the North, will receive the books through a combined partnership with United Way Regina and KidsFirst. These books will give parents and caregivers an opportunity to sit down with their kids to develop reading skills, setting them up for success in school and strengthening their families.

In addition in 2015-16, SaskPower employees continued to be involved in their local communities. They logged over 6,200 hours of volunteer time and, on their behalf, SaskPower donated over \$19,000. Employees from across the province also raised more than \$336,000 (including SaskPower's matching donation) for the United Way.



THE SUCCESS OF OUR COMPANY IS DEPENDENT UPON THE STRENGTH OF OUR WORKFORCE. WE STRIVE TO BE AN EMPLOYER OF CHOICE, WITH DEDICATED, ENGAGED EMPLOYEES WORKING TO EXECUTE SASKPOWER'S STRATEGY. ABOVE ALL ELSE, IN ALL ACTIVITIES THE SAFETY OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC IS VITAL.

## CORPORATE PILLAR 2

### WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE

#### OUR EMPLOYEES

At SaskPower, we know that our role in our province is more than keeping the lights on. We're invested in the future of Saskatchewan, and we're committed to making responsible decisions about our people and our communities as we work to power the province's future. Part of that important investment is making sure we have the right people in the right places at the right time. This will ensure that we are positioned to meet the challenges we're facing today and in the years ahead. We're seeing growing demand, aging infrastructure and a complex labour environment; it's more important than ever that we have a plan.

SaskPower's age profile matches the typical North American corporate generational workforce of boom, bust and echo. Over the last five years, SaskPower has begun to see the impact of retirements — 453 employees retired while 226 employees remain working past the average retirement age of 59. The next retirement bubble will begin to hit SaskPower in 2016-17, with the peak year of potential retirements being 2020-21.

During the year, SaskPower's workforce planning process continued to mature with 38 business areas developing people strategies. These rolled up into a Five-Year Workforce Plan that focuses on two main corporate themes: sourcing and recruitment of qualified applicants, as well as development and succession for critical positions.

Corporate-wide, SaskPower continues to enhance learning through implementation of new training programs, development of a new Succession Planning Program, and the maintenance of close relationships with both secondary and post-secondary schools. In addition, our company's apprenticeship programs continue to ensure the availability of skilled employees such as industrial mechanics, electricians and power line technicians.

Power Engineers are critical to the electricity industry across the country, and these specialized positions are difficult to recruit. SaskPower, in partnership with the Prairie South School Division, has launched a new tool to help young people start their career in this profession.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS

453

Our company has created a new mobile lab to support Grade 11 and 12 students in the Prairie South School Division as they work toward building credits for their Fifth Class Power Engineering Certificate. Students participating in the program can find it challenging to travel to the nearest power station in order to complete their mandatory lab hours. The mobile lab, which is essentially a boiler room on wheels, helps alleviate this challenge by creating easier access for students while also increasing awareness of a high-demand career.

Meanwhile, during the year SaskPower was acknowledged as an employer of choice, having been named:

- One of Canada's Most Attractive Employers for Students by Universum in 2015;
- One of Canada's Top Employers for Young People, one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers and one of Saskatchewan's Top Employers as part of Canada's Top 100 Employers project for both 2015 and 2016; and
- One of Canada's Best 25 Employers by Forbes Magazine for 2016.

#### **Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure**

##### M5. EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT (%)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	•	58	•	58	60	62	80
Actual	•	56	56				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

Our company wants to ensure it has engaged employees that create an environment conducive to the continuous improvement of productivity. Employees with a high level of engagement generally say positive things about their company, want to stay at their company, and strive to do their best work so their company succeeds. This metric identifies the percentage of employees that have a high degree of engagement.

SaskPower fell short of its employee engagement target of 58 in 2015. Survey responses indicated a decline in opportunities for learning and career development, reflective of cost saving initiatives implemented during the year which restricted training budgets and limited job posting to essential positions. This measure is assessed annually, therefore there is no change between 2015 and 2015-16 results.



## Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure

### M6. DIVERSITY HIRES (NET) (NEW FOR 2016-17)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	•	•	•	70	70	70	70
Actual	•	•	•				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

The diversity hires measure will be new for 2016-17. This measure demonstrates the diversity of SaskPower's workforce through the change in the number of diversity employees in four designated areas: Aboriginal people, women in non-traditional roles, people with disabilities, and visible minorities.

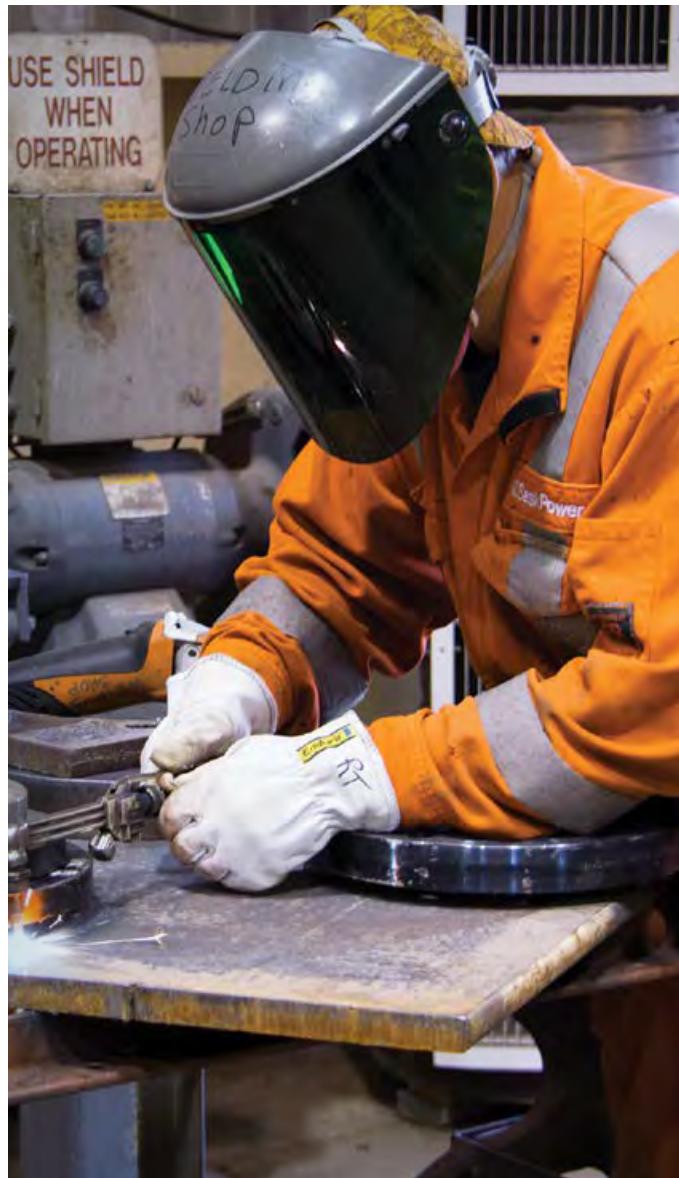
## SAFETY

Our company insists that the safety of our customers, employees and contractors comes first and cannot be compromised. As a result, SaskPower makes safety an inherent element of our company's day-to-day operations.

Notable progress was achieved in 2015-16, such as a reduction of critical incidents by 60% from 2014. During the year, the importance of ingraining safety in our workplace continued to be emphasized, with safety and environment stand-downs held in numerous areas of our operations. Safety expectations are communicated, lessons learned from critical incidents and critical near misses are shared, and workers are provided with an opportunity to propose safety actions.

In spite of this, SaskPower recognizes there are still considerable improvements to be made. In response to the safety challenges our company continues to face, SaskPower established a Safety Improvement Working Group (SIWG) comprised of 13 representatives from high-risk work groups. The SIWG evaluated the current state of safety at SaskPower, benchmarked safety best practices, gathered feedback from employees to understand how we could improve safety in the workplace, and created a list of recommendations to address our safety challenges.

Based on recommendations from the SIWG, SaskPower has initiated the Safety Improvement Program (SIP) to develop and implement solutions. The goal of the SIP is to bring workplace injuries down to zero and to instill a safety-first culture at SaskPower. The solutions address safety issues in four main categories: Leadership; Learning & Capability; Safety Absolutes; and Safety Excellence. All solutions will put an emphasis on sustainability and accountability to ensure effective and lasting change.



For our company, safety-first means that everyone — our employees, contractors, and the public — goes home safe every night. SaskPower continues to communicate the importance of electrical safety, both at home and at work, to the public through our regular safety campaigns. SaskPower safety ambassadors visited communities across the province during the year to spread the message about working safely around power.

Our company also continued its partnership with the Saskatchewan Association of Agriculture Societies and Exhibitions (SAASE), participating in safety days in communities across Saskatchewan as part of the SAASE's Farm Safety Program. SaskPower developed two interactive displays depicting electrical safety hazards that can be encountered both inside and outside the home and on the farm. Reaching over 5,500 children during the year, the displays assist participants in identifying the hazards and recommend safe actions for them to take in each scenario. The displays have also made appearances at various exhibitions and agriculture-related events across the province, including the Western Canadian Agribition.

In order to minimize risks, SaskPower has an Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series (OHSAS) 18001-registered Safety Management System (SMS). Through the use of integrated policies, procedures, training, education,

and reporting, the SMS has helped improve safety practices and reduce work-related injuries significantly since it was implemented. Internal and external SMS audits are held each year to monitor for compliance and ensure it is being used and maintained effectively.



#### **Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure**

##### M7. SAFETY INDEX (REVISED FOR 2016-17)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16 <sup>1</sup>	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	1.3	1.1	•	85.0%	87.0%	89.0%	100.0%
Actual	4.0	1.1	•				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.  
1. Results are reported on a 12-month cycle.

The Safety Index is comprised of leading and lagging indicators. It is reported on a scale of 1-4, with a lower score indicating better performance.

Leading indicators measure proactive activities that identify hazards and assess, eliminate, minimize and control risks. They evaluate the effectiveness of safety programs and the activities that contribute to the prevention of incidents before they occur. The leading indicators include safety objectives, safety audits, work observations and investigated lost-time injury incidents.

Lagging indicators measure the occurrence of safety incidents, including lost-time injury frequency, lost-time injury severity, recordable injury frequency and recordable licensed fleet motor vehicle incident frequency.

In 2015, SaskPower achieved the Safety Index target of 1.1, which means the Corporation substantially achieved all of its safety objectives.

Starting in the 2016-17 fiscal year, SaskPower will begin reporting the Safety Index results on a percentage basis rather than the existing scale of 1-4, with a higher percentage indicating better performance. Additionally, there will be a change in leading indicators as investigated lost-time injury incidents will be replaced with a safety training indicator.

SASKPOWER'S AIM IS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING COMPETITIVE RATES IN THE FACE OF AN UNPRECEDENTED PERIOD OF INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND CONTINUING GROWTH. WE RECOGNIZE OUR ROLE IN SUPPORTING BUSINESS AND QUALITY OF LIFE, AND BELIEVE WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO CAREFULLY AND PRUDENTLY MANAGE OUR COMPANY'S FINANCES.

## CORPORATE PILLAR 3

### EFFICIENCY, QUALITY & COST MANAGEMENT

#### EFFICIENCY AND PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

SaskPower is making historic investments to maintain and improve our electricity system to ensure it meets our province's growing demand for power. As our company's debt level continues to grow, greater scrutiny is being placed on SaskPower's capital budget. It is essential to execute effective prioritization to meet the needs of growing electricity demand and renew an aging system while managing costs; keeping our debt level within the target range; maintaining acceptable reliability and power quality levels; and demonstrating rate competitiveness.

As a result, SaskPower will need to rely on effective cost management and increasing efficiencies. In 2015, our company reduced its budgeted operating, maintenance and administration (OM&A) spending by \$38.2 million. Going forward, SaskPower will be working to reduce budgeted OM&A spending by an additional \$52.9 million over the next three years for a total savings of \$91.1 million over four years. In 2015, SaskPower also reduced its budgeted capital spending by \$210 million. Our company has targeted another \$790 million reduction to capital spending over the next three years. This will provide a total savings of \$1 billion over four years.

During the year, the need to identify additional opportunities where expenses could be further reduced was communicated to Crown corporations by the Government of Saskatchewan. Crown corporations underwent a hiring freeze for the first three months of 2015, as well as a wage freeze for out-of-scope employees.

Crown corporations were also directed by CIC to make a 2.5% reduction in full-time equivalent (FTE) positions by the end of 2015. In response, SaskPower reduced its 2015 target by 96 FTE positions from the original CIC-approved budget. By December 31, 2015, our company achieved its revised target and eliminated an additional 99 FTE positions, resulting in a total reduction of 195 FTE positions. SaskPower plans to continue prudent hiring practices in an effort to further reduce and consolidate non-essential positions where possible. Increased restraint was also exercised in other areas, including restrictions on out-of-province travel and training.

#### CROWN COLLABORATION

Through the collaboration of SaskPower, SaskEnergy and SaskTel, the Joint Servicing Initiative was launched in 2015-16.

PROJECTED OM&A SAVINGS IN FOUR YEARS

\$91 MILLION

It streamlines the process for urban residential customers to request and obtain shallow underground utility services. Now a customer needs to only make a single application for power, energy, phone and cable installation, while participating. Crowns are able to benefit from cost reductions due to shared trenching and contractor costs.

This initiative is one of a number of successful operational collaborations between the Crown utilities, which have improved productivity and customer experience while reducing costs and administration. Other initiatives include the Joint Turn-Key Residential Subdivision Program and the

Joint Line Locating Initiative. The operational teams within the Crown utilities continue to pursue opportunities that will deliver similar results.

During the year, SaskPower also worked together with SaskEnergy to issue a RFP for an employee and family assistance services provider. While the collaboration achieves reduced costs for SaskPower, it also provides our company the opportunity to change to a more proactive program with an expanded suite of services and self-help tools for employees.

#### **Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure**

##### M8. RETURN ON EQUITY (OPERATING/NET INCOME)(%)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	1.3	3.7	•	6.9/8.0	8.5	8.5	8.5
Actual	2.0/2.7	4.7/1.8	5.7/1.2				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

Return on equity (ROE) is a measure of income expressed as a percentage of total equity. Operating ROE is calculated using income before unrealized market value adjustments. From 2014 through 2016-17, our company has set reduced ROE targets to allow for SaskPower's continued investment in infrastructure renewal and growth, while also assisting our company to maintain competitive rates. The long-term target of 8.5% reflects a rate of return common to other Canadian electrical utilities.

SaskPower exceeded its 2015 operating ROE target due to a variety of factors, including increased sales due to the 2% rate increase in September, increased customer contributions, increased gas and electrical inspection revenues, and lower than planned OM&A and finance expenses. SaskPower's net income ROE was below target due to the impact of unrealized losses on natural gas hedge contracts and debt retirement funds. The income results are explained in further detail in the financial results section of the MD&A.

#### **Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure**

##### M9. PER CENT DEBT RATIO (%)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	74.6	74.4	•	74.7	73.7	74.3	60.0 - 75.0
Actual	73.1	74.8	75.7				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

Per cent debt ratio provides a measure of debt expressed as a percentage of the total corporate financing structure. As we modernize and expand infrastructure, debt levels will increase in order to finance our capital program. SaskPower's long-term debt ratio target is between 60–75%. In 2015, SaskPower did not meet its per cent debt ratio target, largely due to lower than expected net income, resulting in lower than anticipated equity.

For the 15 months ended March 31, 2016, the actual per cent debt ratio exceeded SaskPower's long-term target, as our company has chosen to accept a higher level of debt in order to manage the frequency and amount of rate increases.

GROSS BENEFITS REALIZED SINCE 2009  
FROM THE BUSINESS RENEWAL PROGRAM

# \$528 MILLION

## BUSINESS RENEWAL

Since its initiation in response to the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel's recommendations as part of our 2009 rate application, SaskPower's Business Renewal Program continues to increase effectiveness and improve performance. As part of the initiative, our company is identifying a continuous flow of savings opportunities through performance assessment and benchmarking; planning and implementing improvement initiatives; and measuring and reporting on our progress.

The Business Renewal Program is a long-term program and covers a large number of areas within SaskPower. Results have been attained in all spending categories, including: OM&A; finance charges; capital; and fuel and purchased power. To the end of 2015-16, SaskPower has realized gross benefits of more than \$528 million. Multi-year initiatives that have contributed to the gross savings include:

- Taking advantage of low floating interest rates by reallocating a portion of borrowing to the short-term;
- Extending the run time between power plant overhauls;
- Optimizing purchase arrangements to provide cost savings;
- Lowering information technology costs through a number of initiatives, such as implementing a new sourcing strategy, reducing the number of printers, outsourcing the service desk, and introducing improvements to the service request process;
- Creating customer connect process improvements, including the redesign of customer connect quoting and construction work processes that have led to the introduction of standardized quick quotes, new expeditor roles, and improved crew efficiencies;
- Lowering office costs by standardizing designs and reducing workspace areas;
- Outsourcing Head Office caretaking activities through attrition; and
- Increasing productivity by using automated work scheduling and dispatching tools as a result of the recent completion of the Schedule and Dispatch Project.

During 2015-16, SaskPower's Business Renewal Program identified and began planning for a number of new initiatives which will be pursued in the coming year. While most

initiatives are in our company's operations areas, SaskPower has also placed major emphasis on enhancing the efficiency of the procurement function. Activities with the provincial government's Priority Saskatchewan initiative, which aims to address disparity in competitive practices across government, will be included in the procurement improvement activities. Efforts will continue to deliver a streamlined process to internal customers.

Within our Power Production business unit, a thorough examination of operations within a single power generation plant will be completed. The objective will be to create a model plant, equipped with improved processes and performance measures that increase efficiency and can be applied across the entire Power Production business unit.

In the Transmission Services business unit, the areas of project delivery, construction services, asset management, operations and maintenance have been identified to receive customized process and measurement consulting services. The focus will be on increasing process efficiency and business performance. As well, the delivery of services to distribution customers will be further examined to identify opportunities to increase employee productivity, optimize operational efficiency and provide for more cost-effective service delivery.



### Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure

M10. OM&A/PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (%)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	7.6	7.0	•	7.1	7.1	6.6	6.0
Actual	7.7	6.9	6.9				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

The growth in SaskPower's asset base is considered to be a key driver of OM&A costs. The OM&A as a percentage of property, plant and equipment metric illustrates how efficiently SaskPower is managing its OM&A in terms of our company's growth. A lower ratio represents more efficient operations.

For 2015, SaskPower was slightly better than target, as OM&A spending was under budget by 2.8% due to cost reduction initiatives.

## PROPERTIES

Execution of the Provincial Properties Strategy continued during the year, driving efficiency and cost savings while effectively supporting our company's changing operational and business needs. Key Provincial Properties Strategy activities include:

- Consolidating properties and disposing of surplus facilities. Since implementing the Provincial Properties Strategy in 2012, a total of 29 facilities have been eliminated. An additional 69 properties have been identified for disposal by 2026.
- Deferring additional lease costs by implementing Office Space Utilization Standards. As of March 31, 2016, over \$9 million has been saved as a result of this new policy, which was originally implemented in 2012.
- Upgrading our portfolio. During the year, construction was completed on the Moose Jaw Maintenance Hub and started on the new Lloydminster Maintenance Centre. The Saskatoon Logistics Warehouse and Swift Current Maintenance Centre were officially opened for use, while renovations began on the Prince Albert Maintenance Centre and planning continued for SaskPower's head office refurbishment. The planning activities for the proposed logistics warehouse project were put on hold in early 2015 pending further direction.
- Aligning our facilities with national standards.
- Monitoring and reporting on industry standards.



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TOTAL REDUCTION OF FACILITIES PLANNED THROUGH  
THE PROVINCIAL PROPERTIES STRATEGY BY 2026

## PROCUREMENT

In 2015, SaskPower contributed nearly \$2.5 billion to the provincial economy. This occurred through the procurement of goods and services from Saskatchewan suppliers; payment of salaries, wages and benefits to employees; purchase of coal and natural gas; and acquisition of electricity from independent power producers (IPPs). Our company's contributions also included grants-in-lieu of taxes payable to local governments, as well as coal royalties, water rentals and provincial corporate capital tax payable directly to the Government of Saskatchewan.

Improvement of procurement practices continues to be a focus for SaskPower. This includes the development of long-term strategic sourcing partnerships and enhanced supplier relationship management while balancing the goals of flexibility, transparency, and fairness. There is also a stronger focus on business value rather than just cost. More emphasis is being placed on educating suppliers about SaskPower's procurement needs and processes to make it easier to do business with our company, as well as helping to promote the development of an Aboriginal footprint within the vendor community.

Our company has been fully engaged with the provincial government's Priority Saskatchewan initiative. Priority Saskatchewan announced its Procurement Transformation Action Plan in early 2015, identifying 13 recommendations for the Government of Saskatchewan and Crown sector to implement. SaskPower addressed six of these recommendations during 2015-16, and continues to work diligently to integrate the remaining recommendations into our procurement process.

Underscoring SaskPower's commitment to involving Saskatchewan's Aboriginal people, communities and businesses in our company's economic opportunities and growth, we established an Aboriginal Procurement function during the year to focus on identifying opportunities to increase Saskatchewan Aboriginal-sourced procurement. Furthermore, we developed a strategic plan to guide and further expand our company's Aboriginal procurement activities over the next five years.

### Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure

#### M11. COMPETITIVE VERSUS SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT (%) (RETIRING)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	75	85	•	•	•	•	•
Actual	91	82	85				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

The competitive versus single source procurement metric demonstrates the extent to which SaskPower uses competitive procurement (multiple bids solicited) as opposed to single source procurement. This measurement aims to promote the reduction of single source procurement as much as possible.

In 2015, competitive procurement performance was 82%, below the target of 85%. This resulted primarily from New West Partnership Trade Agreement exemptions, lack of response to competitions, supplier experience and expertise and unforeseen events. For the 15 months ended March 31, 2016, competitive procurement increased to 85%.

AMOUNT SASKPOWER CONTRIBUTED TO  
THE PROVINCIAL ECONOMY DURING 2015

**\$2.5 BILLION**

### Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure

#### M12. ABORIGINAL PROCUREMENT (%) (NEW FOR 2016-17)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	•	•	•	2.5	3.0	3.5	5.0
Actual	•	•	•				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

The Aboriginal procurement measure is new for 2016-17. This metric measures the extent to which SaskPower engages in Saskatchewan Aboriginal-sourced procurement relative to total Saskatchewan procurement. Our company is committed to promoting and pursuing viable business development opportunities through long-term relationships with Aboriginal people, communities and companies in the Province of Saskatchewan. The purpose of this metric is to demonstrate SaskPower's dedication to involve Saskatchewan's Aboriginal people in our company's economic opportunities and growth.

### RATES STRATEGY

SaskPower has recently been required to make a number of rate adjustments. This includes increases of 5% in 2013, 5.5% in 2014 and 5% in 2015. In May of 2016, our company announced that it will be requesting further increases of 5% effective July 1, 2016, and 5% effective January 1, 2017.

Our company's requirement for rate increases is driven primarily by its need to make investments in aging infrastructure and new capacity to support Saskatchewan's growing demand for electricity. SaskPower's capital program has seen an investment of over \$6 billion in the last five years through direct capital investments and PPAs with IPPs. Going forward, over the next decade our company is

forecasting the need to continue to make capital investments of about \$1 billion per year.

SaskPower has adopted a rates strategy that seeks to keep annual rate increases capped at 5%. This has required our company to sacrifice earning its targeted ROE of 8.5% in the short-term in order to manage rate pressures on our customers. The strategy has also contributed to additional upward pressure on SaskPower's per cent debt ratio. To support an improvement in SaskPower's financial results and to reduce the size of the required rate increases, our company has focused on reductions to OM&A and capital budgets.

### Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure

#### M13. RATES – THERMAL UTILITIES COMPARISON (%)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	≤100	≤100	•	≤100	≤100	≤100	≤100
Actual	91.0	99.7	99.7				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

Our company has a target of ensuring SaskPower's system average rates are less than or equal to the system average rates for customers served by utilities primarily dependent on thermal generation (using coal, natural gas, nuclear or oil). On a yearly basis, using the annual Hydro-Québec national rate survey and rates in effect April 1, our company compares our rates against other thermal utilities within Canada. As of April 1, 2015, SaskPower remained competitive, with system average rates slightly below the system average rates for thermal utilities within Canada. This measure is assessed annually, therefore there is no change between 2015 and 2015-16 results.

SUCCESSFULLY MEETING OUR MISSION OF ENSURING RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND COST-EFFECTIVE POWER FOR OUR CUSTOMERS MEANS SECURING THE PRESENT AND FUTURE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY WHILE ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES. AS WE DEVELOP NEW CAPACITY, OUR COMPANY IS ALSO MAINTAINING AND UPGRADING EXISTING GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENSURE RELIABILITY.

## CORPORATE PILLAR 4

### SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE & RELIABILITY

#### SYSTEM SUSTAINMENT

SaskPower's generation fleet, transmission network and distribution system — much of which was built between 1950 and 1985 — will require replacement, refurbishment or expansion over the next 40 years. As a result, more than ever before effective asset management is vital to sustaining our aging system.

Essential to fulfilling SaskPower's mission is a reliable generation fleet. Unplanned generation disruption will cause increased fuel and operating costs, while also increasing the risk of loss of electrical service to customers. Significant capital has been invested in our company's generation assets over the past two decades, resulting in an improvement in reliability and performance. SaskPower is developing core in-house staff competencies in critical areas of turbine, generator, boiler, excitation and control systems in order to maintain system performance. Our company is also entering into longer-term support and maintenance contracts for critical needs.

In 2015-16, our Power Production business unit spent \$143 million on generation infrastructure sustainment projects. These included completion of the Northern Hydro control system upgrades, dam rehabilitation and dike management; purchase of the Western Plants spare engine; and substantial completion of both the Poplar River Morrison Dam Spillway Capacity Project and Poplar River Power Station Unit #2 Long-Term Expenditures Project.

Similar to other Canadian utilities, our company's transmission and distribution system performance is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain. This is primarily due to aging infrastructure, as well as the loss of retiring experienced employees. In order to reverse this trend, initiatives include the development of improved construction and maintenance standards, an increase of operating limits on several transmission lines, and expanded use of preventative measures such as infrared testing and improved condition assessments. We continue to focus on the highest risk assets, with an emphasis on ensuring the necessary maintenance work is completed.

SaskPower has one of the lowest customer densities relative to grid infrastructure in the country. We service an area covering approximately 652,000 square kilometres, providing power to just under 522,000 customer accounts by way of nearly 157,000 kilometres of power lines. This not only means longer response times in rural areas due to the time required for repair location identification and service crew travel, but also a smaller revenue base relative to the size of the grid which can make the funding of ongoing maintenance, as well as capacity increases, a challenge.

Saskatchewan's widely variable and often extreme climate also has a significant impact on reliability. Wind, lightning, flooding, snow and ice all contribute to outages. Weather is often joined by other factors — including equipment failure/

## Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure

### M14. EQUIVALENT AVAILABILITY FACTOR (%)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16 <sup>1</sup>	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	87.4	86.8	•	87.6	88.7	88.0	>85.0
Actual	83.0	86.2	•				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

1. Results are reported on a calendar year basis.

The Equivalent Availability Factor (EAF) is a measure which represents the percentage of time that a generating unit is capable of producing electricity, adjusted for any temporary reductions in generating capability due to equipment failures, maintenance or other causes. This measure is commonly used in the utility industry and, although higher percentages are better, targets are set giving consideration to prudent equipment maintenance requirements.

SaskPower's EAF performance was essentially on target in 2015. System EAF losses were experienced at Shand Power Station, which had condenser, circulating water pump, and high pressure feedwater heater difficulties; Poplar River Power Station, which encountered induced draft fan vibration issues; and Coteau Creek Hydroelectric Station Unit #2, which suffered a transformer malfunction. These system EAF losses were largely offset by improved performance at Boundary Dam Power Station due to deferral of the scheduled overhaul of Unit #5 until spring of 2016.

# 1.2 MILLION

NUMBER OF TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION POWER POLES IN SASKATCHEWAN

aging infrastructure, trees/vegetation, birds, animals, operator error, and accidents — as the primary causes of interruptions.

In 2015-16, our company spent \$105 million and \$59 million on transmission and distribution infrastructure system sustainment programs, respectively. Transmission sustainment programs included the Wood Pole Remediation Program, Lattice Steel Remediation Program, and Reliability Improvements Program. Distribution sustainment programs included the Rural Rebuild and Improvement Program, Wood Pole Remediation Program, Defective Apparatus Program, City of Regina Aging Infrastructure Replacement Program, and Underground Cable Replacement Program.

Our province contains over 1.2 million transmission and distribution power poles — equal to more than one power pole for every man, woman and child who reside in our province. The vast majority of these poles are distribution poles, with an average age of just over 38 years old, which is significantly above the industry targeted average age of 25 years.

Consequently, pole maintenance is essential to maintaining our distribution system. Inspection and maintenance of our vast network of poles is performed annually, which helps extend the life of poles and maintain service reliability, while curbing replacement costs. During 2015-16, the inspection of over 51,000 poles identified only a 1.5% failure rate.



AMOUNT OF DAMAGE TO SASKPOWER  
FACILITIES FROM THE 2015 SUMMER WILDFIRES

\$1 MILLION

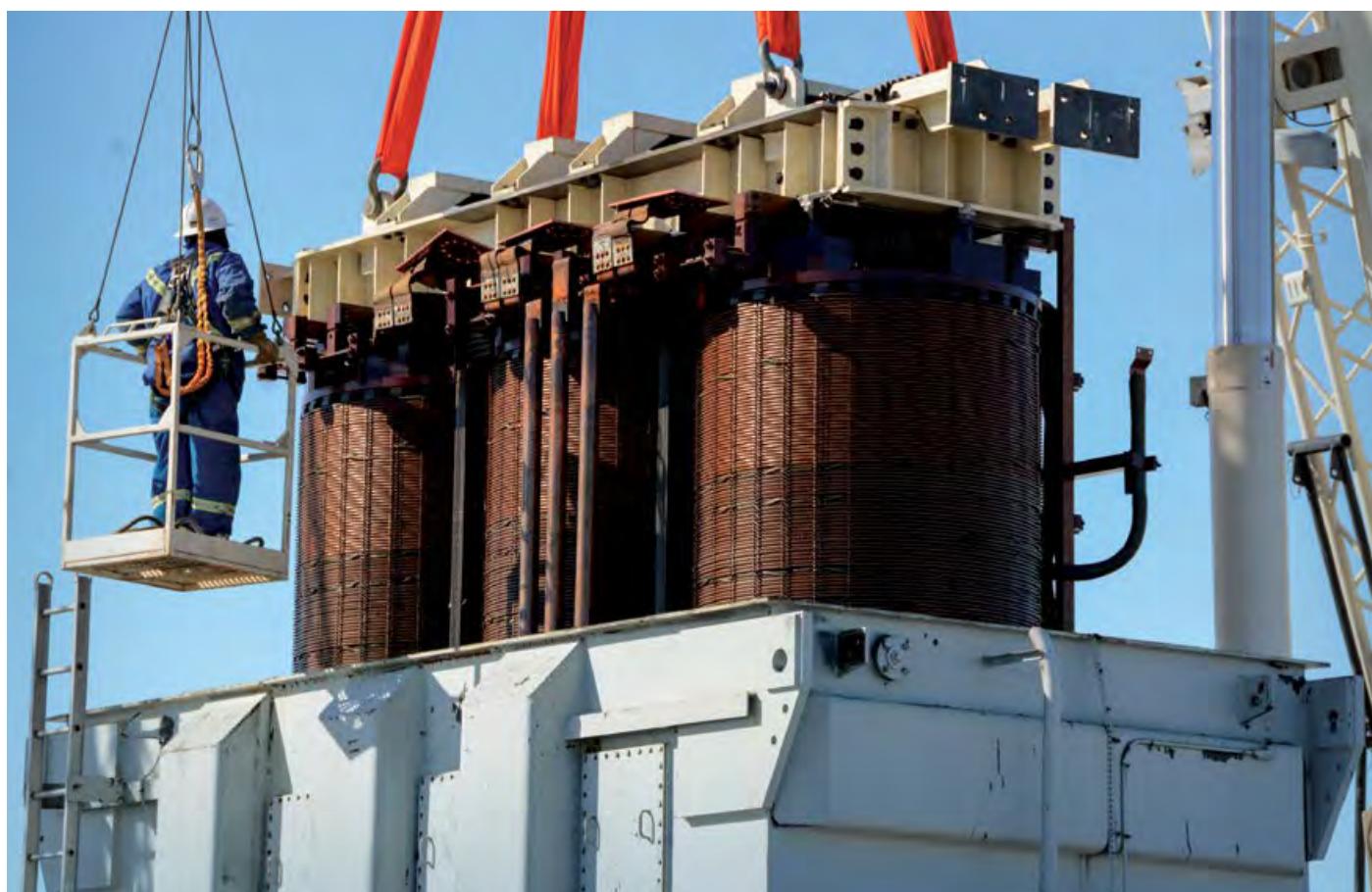
SaskPower's network of aging underground cables also poses a threat to reliability. To address outages in problematic areas of Saskatoon and Regina, our company is using an innovative technology to improve reliability by extending the useful life of old assets. Initiated during the year, the Cable Rejuvenation Program involves injecting a silicon-based fluid into underground cables subject to insulation deterioration and cracks. This process can lengthen the useful life of underground power cables by approximately 30 years. Not only is this process less invasive and time consuming than replacement of underground cable, it is also a fraction of the cost.

In order to address an increased level of outages experienced in the Regina area over the last few years, in 2015-16 SaskPower introduced the Regina Reliability Project. Vegetation management was increased and wildlife protection equipment was installed, reducing the risk of power outages due to contact from birds or other animals.

SaskPower plans to continue the reliability project in the Regina area throughout 2016-17.

During spring and early summer of 2015, distribution facilities in the northern part of the province were threatened by wildfires resulting from the extremely dry conditions across all of Saskatchewan. SaskPower worked closely with the provincial Emergency Operations Centre and Wildfire Management to coordinate the response effort in a safe and effective manner.

Overall, the northern forest fires resulted in approximately \$1 million in damages to SaskPower facilities, including vegetation clean up and the replacement of approximately 85 power poles. SaskPower personnel provided an effective response with high levels of collaboration across internal divisions and outside government agencies. Without this level of coordination, the loss of SaskPower assets and customer property would have been significantly greater.



### Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure

#### M15. PREVENTABLE OUTAGES (DISTRIBUTION) (RETIRING)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	•	100.0	•	•	•	•	•
Actual	•	105.2	120.6				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

This measure calculates the number of preventable distribution outages per 1,000 kilometres of lines. Preventable outages take place as a result of planned outages, internal incidents, faulty equipment and overload, as well as contact with trees, birds and other animals. Mitigating activities include effective vegetation management, pole maintenance, line quality patrols and repair, and wildlife protection.

In 2015, preventable outages for distribution did not meet the target of 100.0, largely due to increased planned outages as SaskPower works to replace aging infrastructure and improve the overall reliability of the system.

### Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure

#### M16. SYSTEM AVERAGE INTERRUPTION DURATION INDEX (SAIDI) (DISTRIBUTION)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	5.9	5.9	•	5.9	5.9	5.9	4.0
Actual	5.1	5.2	5.8				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

The distribution SAIDI allows us to track our performance restoring service in response to outages. It is a measure of the service interruption length in hours that an average customer experiences in one year. The SAIDI is influenced by a number of factors, including adverse weather; equipment condition; line contacts; extent of outage; travel time to the trouble point; as well as line staff availability, familiarity with facilities and level of experience.

SaskPower's distribution SAIDI performance was better than target for 2015, reflecting efforts to improve reliability. However, significant improvements in service levels will continue to be dependent upon long-term increases in capital investment and enhanced maintenance activities.

### Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure

#### M16. SYSTEM AVERAGE INTERRUPTION FREQUENCY INDEX (SAIFI) (DISTRIBUTION)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	2.4	2.4	•	2.4	2.4	2.4	1.5
Actual	2.5	2.4	2.7				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

The distribution SAIFI represents the number of outages that an average customer experiences in one year. Both controllable and uncontrollable interruptions are taken into account. Outages with controllable elements include infrastructure failures, tree contacts, scheduled outages or loss of supply. Uncontrollable factors include lightning and other adverse weather conditions.

SaskPower's SAIFI performance for distribution was on target for 2015. Increased efforts to renew infrastructure has resulted in increased planned outages in an effort to improve the overall reliability of the system and lower outage duration overall.



### **Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure**

#### M17. SYSTEM AVERAGE INTERRUPTION DURATION INDEX (SAIDI) (TRANSMISSION)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	250	250	•	200	200	200	100
Actual	191	144	172				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

The transmission SAIDI allows us to track our performance restoring service in response to outages specifically related to our transmission assets. It is a measure of the average interruption length in minutes experienced at a bulk electrical service delivery point in one year. The transmission SAIDI is influenced by a number of factors, including adverse weather and equipment condition.

SaskPower performed better than target in 2015, due to more effective contingency planning for critical assets and the implementation of sustainment programs for most transmission assets.

### **Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure**

#### M17. SYSTEM AVERAGE INTERRUPTION FREQUENCY INDEX (SAIFI) (TRANSMISSION)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	2.4	2.4	•	2.4	2.4	2.4	1.0
Actual	3.6	2.4	2.8				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

The transmission SAIFI represents the average number of interruptions experienced at a bulk electrical service delivery point in one year. Only unplanned interruptions are taken into account, which include outages due to defective equipment, adverse weather conditions, and system conditions such as overload.

In 2015, SaskPower's SAIFI for transmission achieved its target of 2.4. SaskPower continues to invest in its transmission grid to improve reliability through enhanced construction and maintenance standards, allowing for more maintenance to be completed while ensuring the security and integrity of the grid.

## Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure

### M18. PLANNED MAINTENANCE (DISTRIBUTION/TRANSMISSION) (%)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	•	55/80	•	57/80	59/80	61/80	80/80
Actual	•	64/94	66/94				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

This measure illustrates the proportion of distribution and transmission maintenance that is planned as opposed to reactive, as a percentage of total maintenance for each.

This metric replaces the previous Planned Maintenance (distribution + transmission) measure, and now provides individual rather than cumulative distribution and transmission targets and results.

In 2015, both transmission and distribution surpassed their respective targets.

## GROWTH

For the fourth consecutive year, Saskatchewan witnessed record-setting power consumption. In 2015, a new system peak load of 3,628 MW was recorded. This was subsequently surpassed in early 2016 by another record system peak of 3,640 MW. As well, SaskPower reached a new summer peak load of 3,331 MW in 2015.

With a continually increasing demand for electricity, SaskPower has a comprehensive action plan in place to meet Saskatchewan's electricity needs. Either in partnership with IPPs or through internal projects, we are adding low- or non-emitting forms of generation such as coal with carbon capture and storage (CCS), natural gas, flare gas, wind and biomass. Looking decades ahead, we are continuing to examine a variety of low-carbon options that include: wind, solar, biomass, hydro, coal with CCS retrofits, nuclear, cogeneration, geothermal, imports, natural gas and flare gas.

During the year, our company reinforced its commitment to reducing emissions with the announcement of our intention to increase renewable electricity generation capacity to up to 50% by 2030. Today, over 25% of Saskatchewan's generation capacity comes from renewable sources.

In 2015-16, our company's wind-generated capacity increased by 23 MW. The Morse Wind Energy Facility, owned by Algonquin Power Co., began commercial operation with the addition of 10 wind turbines to Saskatchewan's power grid. Our supply plan includes developing up to 1,600 MW of new wind generation between 2019 and 2030.

During the year, SaskPower entered into a 20-year PPA with Manitoba Hydro to add 100 MW of firm hydroelectric-generated capacity to our system from 2020 to 2040. Some of the electricity purchased will be sourced from the new 695-MW Keeyask Generating Station, 725 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg on the lower Nelson River.

SaskPower also entered into a 20-year agreement for Saskatchewan's first MW of electricity from flare gas. Kinetecor began providing flare gas-generated power to our province's grid in March 2016. The company initiated the project through SaskPower's Flare Gas Power Generation Program, which provides opportunities to oil and gas companies to reduce their environmental footprint by turning flare gas into usable electricity.

In 2015-16, our company entered into an agreement to purchase 1.1 MW from the City of Regina's Landfill Gas Generation Project, expected to be in service in 2016-17. This marks SaskPower's second agreement for landfill gas-generated power, preceded by our agreement with the City of Saskatoon for 1.6 MW.

As part of our company's long-term plan to renew and expand our power grid, SaskPower completed its expansion at natural gas-fired Queen Elizabeth Power Station in 2015. The \$510 million project was completed on budget and added 204 MW of capacity to the grid — enough electricity to power more than 200,000 homes. With the expansion, natural gas became the number one generating capacity source available in Saskatchewan, surpassing conventional coal.

## NUMBER OF PERSON-HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE I1K TRANSMISSION LINE

**1.8 MILLION**

Another significant increase in SaskPower's natural gas-fired generation capacity is planned within the next three years. In 2015-16, our company completed an extensive site selection process for our next natural gas-fired plant, and announced a 158-acre location near Swift Current. We then issued a RFP for a combined cycle gas turbine generation facility with a capacity of up to 350 MW.

This RFP is unique, as in addition to IPP proposals, SaskPower has prepared a corporate-build business case that will be compared to the external responses. The final selection will be made by an external evaluation committee and a formal announcement regarding who will build, own and operate the facility is anticipated in summer 2016.

Along with increasing our generation capacity in 2015-16, SaskPower's transmission and distribution system continued to be subject to significant expansion. Recently, our company completed a comprehensive review and made major changes to improve the delivery of large complex transmission and distribution projects. The need to rethink the delivery of major projects was born from a substantial increase in the complexity, size and number of projects necessary to respond to power demand growth and aging infrastructure.

Our company spent \$207 million on transmission infrastructure capacity increases in 2015-16. Projects

included the I1K Transmission Line, 230-kV Aberdeen to Wolverine Transmission Line, Tantallon Switching Station expansion, and Pasqua, Martensville and Maidstone area Switching Station Projects.

As one of the province's largest transmission projects ever built, the 300-kilometre I1K Transmission Line combined the efforts of 64 companies and required over 1.8 million person-hours to complete. This transmission line between Island Falls and Key Lake, provides the capability to serve the growing mine load in northern Saskatchewan.

SaskPower also spent \$90 million on distribution infrastructure capacity increases during the year. Projects included expansions of the Albert Park and Bromhead Substations and new substations at Edam, Superb, Rutland, and Regina.

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Environmental accountability remains fundamentally critical to our commitment to provide SaskPower customers with sustainable power. In order to improve our environmental performance, SaskPower uses an Environmental Management System (EMS) that is registered to the globally recognized International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001 Standard.

### Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure M19. RENEWABLE GENERATION PORTFOLIO<sup>1</sup> (%)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	25.5	26.5	•	25.7	25.7	30.0	50.0
Actual	25.9	25.7	25.7				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

1. Name change - formerly "non-thermal supply sources" (methodology remains the same).

This measure reflects renewable generation capacity as a percentage of SaskPower's total installed generation capacity (including IPP-contracted capacity). Renewable sources include hydro, wind, biomass, waste heat recovery, flare gas and other green options, as well as long-term firm capacity agreements for imports generated from renewable fuel sources.

SaskPower's renewable generation portfolio of 25.7% fell short of its target of 26.5% for 2015. An additional 50-MW purchase from Manitoba Hydro had originally been planned for 2015, however during the year it was determined the purchase was no longer required to meet our company's reliability criteria.

Of the 256 MW of capacity added in 2015-16, just under 20% was renewable, resulting in decreased performance from 2014. The addition of 204 MW at natural gas-fired Queen Elizabeth Power Station alone accounted for 80% of the capacity increase in 2015-16.

# 461,728

SASKPOWER SHAND GREENHOUSE SEEDLINGS  
DISTRIBUTED DURING THE YEAR

SaskPower's EMS provides employees and contractors with a structure designed to help us identify, monitor and manage the impact of our business on the environment while encouraging continuous improvement. ISO 14001 registrations are maintained through annual independent EMS audits conducted at SaskPower facilities across the province. Qualified SaskPower personnel also conduct yearly internal EMS audits.

During the year, an Environmental Screening System (ESS) upgrade project went live. The ESS allows SaskPower to identify and understand the environmental risks of projects. Mitigating risks allows SaskPower to eliminate or minimize potential impacts from our construction and maintenance projects. The new system tracks and stores information for all applicable projects, making forecasting, auditing and planning easier and more efficient.

### POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCBs)

Federal regulation has mandated an end-of-use deadline of December 31, 2025, for specific electrical equipment with PCB concentrations greater than or equal to 50 parts per million (ppm).

SaskPower is on track to meet and go beyond this federal regulation through the continued efforts of our PCB Action Plan. Under the initiative, SaskPower intends to remove all PCBs as required by federal regulations using a lower threshold of 2 ppm or greater in concentration on or before December 31, 2023.

During 2015-16, we completed PCB mitigation at the Poplar River Power Station and recently decommissioned the Success Power Station. At the end of 2015-16, approximately

1 million of the 2.9 million litres of PCB-contaminated oil identified by SaskPower had been removed and replaced. Nearly 9,000 pieces of equipment have either been sampled and confirmed to be PCB-free, removed from service, or had PCB-contaminated oil removed to make the equipment PCB-free.

### FLY ASH

Created during the coal combustion process, fly ash is a by-product which is extracted and collected prior to exhaust gases entering the atmosphere. Fly ash is sold for use in ready-mix concrete, mine backfill, oil well cementing, road base stabilization and liquid waste stabilization applications.

Each tonne of fly ash captured and sold that replaces cement prevents roughly one tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> from entering the atmosphere. During the year, our company sold approximately 179,350 tonnes from the Boundary Dam and Shand Power Stations.

### SASKPOWER SHAND GREENHOUSE

Since 1991, SaskPower Shand Greenhouse has been using waste heat from the nearby Shand Power Station to grow millions of tree, shrub and native plant seedlings. They have been provided to the community for use in land reclamation and other environmental planting projects.

During the year, Shand Greenhouse distributed 461,728 seedlings throughout Saskatchewan, bringing total distribution since inception to over 10 million. Beyond growing seedlings, Shand Greenhouse staff help to educate future consumers about the impacts of their energy choices. School tours, presentations, and planting project partnerships reached approximately 250 students in 2015.





## CARBON CAPTURE & STORAGE (CCS)

Traditionally, coal has been widely used in Saskatchewan and around the world because it has been a secure and plentiful fuel and is more economical than any other baseload fossil fuel source. As well, the technology behind coal-fired generating plants, which operate around the clock, is well-developed and extremely reliable.

On July 1, 2015, new performance standards came into effect in Canada that apply to new coal-fired electricity generating units and units that have reached the end of their useful life, nominally 50 years. Moving forward, performance must meet the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions intensity of 420 tonnes/GWh, roughly equivalent to the emission intensity of current high efficiency natural gas combined cycle power plants.

As a result of these regulations, the long-term operation of conventional coal generation — one of SaskPower's largest sources of baseload generation — is no longer an option. In future, our company will have to rely on carbon capture technology if SaskPower continues to use coal.

In late 2014, SaskPower completed the Boundary Dam Integrated Carbon Capture and Storage (ICCS) Demonstration Project. It is the world's first fully integrated CCS project at a coal-fired power station. The addition of CCS represents the largest environmental upgrade ever for a coal-fired power station in Canada. When operating at nameplate capacity, it is capable of producing electricity with significantly less CO<sub>2</sub> emissions than natural gas-fired generation.

## BOUNDARY DAM ICCS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT CAPITAL COST SUMMARY

(in millions)

Capital cost at commissioning date	\$ 1,467
Capital sustainment	57
<b>Total capital costs to March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 1,524</b>
Less: federal grant	(240)
<b>Total SaskPower cost</b>	<b>\$ 1,284</b>

### Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure

M20. CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT (CO<sub>2</sub>e) EMISSIONS INTENSITY (TONNES CO<sub>2</sub>e/GWH) (RETIRING)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	670	649 <sup>1</sup>	•	•	•	•	•
Actual	629 <sup>1</sup>	646	643				

<sup>1</sup> Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

1. 2014 actual restated from 2014 Annual Report (660 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/GWh) and 2015 target (678 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/GWh) restated — previously reported amounts excluded wind and other zero-emission generation sources.

The CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions intensity indicator is the ratio of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions from all fossil fuel based electricity generated within Saskatchewan to the amount of electrical energy supplied to the grid from both Saskatchewan sources (SaskPower and IPPs) and from out-of-province imports.

SaskPower's 2015 result of 646 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/GWh is on target. Our company's CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions intensity increased from 2014 due to a change in the mix of generation sources. Lower water levels during the year translated into less hydroelectric generation, which in turn led to an increase largely in natural gas generation as a replacement source, which has a higher emission intensity.

The captured CO<sub>2</sub> is transported by pipeline to nearby oil fields in southern Saskatchewan where it is used for enhanced oil recovery (EOR). CO<sub>2</sub> not used for EOR is being stored at SaskPower's Carbon Storage and Research Centre. It hosts the Aquistore Project, an independent research and monitoring initiative utilizing deep saline aquifer storage.

During 2015, the CCS process at Boundary Dam Power Station Unit #3 faced technical and mechanical issues due to design and construction deficiencies, which prevented the plant from achieving an acceptable level of reliability and performance. In order to address the deficiencies identified during the plant's first year of operation, the CCS plant was taken offline a number of times throughout the year including a nearly two-month maintenance outage in September and October 2015. In addition to addressing construction and safety deficiencies, the large containment

vessel that stores the amine solution used in the carbon capture process was replaced and upgraded ash removal systems were installed.

Following the maintenance outage, the CCS plant completed a 72-hour demonstration nameplate test of its design capacity (3,240 tonnes/day). During this period, the plant was able to capture 9,695 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> or 99.7% of the design capacity with a peak production rate of 3,341 tonnes/day.

Carbon capture in the months following the outage continued to demonstrate improved performance. The facility captured 426,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> from January through December 2015, of which 120,000 tonnes were captured in November and December subsequent to the shutdown.

From January through March 2016, the plant was operational 82 out of 91 days — 100% for the months of January and March — with downtime in February primarily due to planned maintenance. SaskPower captured 217,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> during these three months, remaining on track to capture 800,000 tonnes from January through December 2016 with the expectation of demonstrating sustained improved performance. Future performance targets for the plant include being available to operate 85% of the time if required, which is in line with the reliability of the other units at Boundary Dam Power Station and other coal-fired generation facilities around the world.

The contract with the CO<sub>2</sub> off-taker includes provisions that penalize either party for unreliability in fulfilling their requirements under the contract. While SaskPower improved performance of the carbon capture process, shortfall payments of \$7.3 million were made related to the 2015 calendar year, as our company was unable to deliver the contracted amount of CO<sub>2</sub> to the off-taker. Another \$0.4 million was accrued in the last quarter of 2015-16, to be potentially settled at December 31, 2016, with any further shortfalls or overages for the 2016 calendar year. These shortfall payments were offset against \$15.1 million in revenues from the sale of CO<sub>2</sub> for 2015-16.

There are several legal claims arising from the construction of the Boundary Dam ICCS Demonstration Project. These claims are in the early stages of being resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution mechanisms prescribed in the contracts between SaskPower and the counterparties.

In addition to improving CCS performance during the year, our company also made advances in our goal to share knowledge globally. SaskPower's new Shand Carbon Capture Test Facility (CCTF), located near Estevan, was officially launched in June 2015. The CCTF is a high-tech laboratory that allows researchers to test carbon capture equipment, chemical innovation and engineering designs in a highly controlled environment. While the facility promotes the advancement of CCS technology and innovation, SaskPower will also benefit from working with world leaders in the new facility and will be able to keep abreast of CCS developments.

During 2015-16, SaskPower also announced a partnership with BHP Billiton that will see the establishment of a global CCS knowledge centre at Innovation Place Research Park in Regina. The centre — funded with a five-year \$20-million commitment from BHP Billiton — will access SaskPower's experience and share it for the purpose of advancing the worldwide development and application of CCS as a clean energy option. It's anticipated that work undertaken at the centre will help bring down the costs of CCS technology, assist in the management of development risk and promote greater information sharing around the world.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SECURITY (IT&S)

SaskPower is making investments to enable the foundational technologies required to support corporate strategic initiatives such as asset management, enhanced customer experience, human resource management, procurement and smart grid development. During 2015-16, the Network Operations Centre (NOC), which oversees the complex optical communication network providing connectivity to business critical applications and services across the province, went live with network incident management. This allows SaskPower to better manage network events and provide timely resolutions.

It is a first step in moving network management to a proactive state, and ultimately to a predictive operations model which will improve network availability. Having the NOC in place allows our company to have a single point of contact for any issues and ensures that timely status updates are provided to affected stakeholders, right through to incident resolution. The evolution of the NOC will grow the number of devices monitored and work to consolidate incident, event, change and configuration management processes across the IT&S function.

Mobile solutions make our workforce more effective and efficient. In 2015-16, SaskPower rolled out several applications (apps) for staff:

- PCB results app – Provides employees with real-time access to search and view items in SaskPower's PCB database, which is critical for employee safety.
- Codebook app – Improves efficiency by enabling employees to search and view materials stocked by the Logistics Department and refine requests for materials before finalizing orders.
- Stock check app – Enables employees to view up-to-date inventory stock information, reservations, purchase orders and stock transport orders when in the field.
- Properties request mobile app – Allows the Properties and Shared Services group access to information used to track, manage and report on properties-related work requests.
- All service request app – Makes it easier for business and data owners to review and approve requests that have been assigned to them and shortens the turnaround time for requests to be completed.
- Powerline Technician Apprenticeship Program apps – Two mobile apps that allow program managers to monitor and modify learning plans, locations and experiences.

SaskPower is also implementing information technology solutions that enhance the capabilities of staff. During the year our company rolled out several initiatives that enabled end users and provided self-service options:

- Employee Information Network team sites – Team sites allow users throughout the company to set up their own webpages to store and organize information and make it easier to share that information with other people in the company.
- Self-serve password resets – SaskPower users are now able to reset their LAN (Windows) password without phoning the SaskPower Service Desk. This is enhancing user experience and cutting back on calls to the Service Desk.
- Cisco AnyConnect implementation – This application allows for secure, remote access to SaskPower networks, servers, and applications for laptop and mobile device users. The primary benefit is that the user experience is the same whether on corporate networks or remotely connected.
- Automated software deployments – SaskPower has begun automating software deployments and is sending over 340 applications to end users. With the automation, this usually allows for deployment the same day requests are received.

With security threats on the rise, SaskPower is performing security system upgrades at our company's facilities to improve access control and surveillance. SaskPower's Perimeter Security System went live in December. The 10 active sites are monitored by the Security Operations Centre around the clock. Perimeter security provides the foundation for many of SaskPower's Enterprise Security and Corporate objectives, such as North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection compliance.

Copper theft continued to affect SaskPower throughout 2015-16. Most troubling was the increase in incidents where transformers and energized apparatus were being accessed. In response, SaskPower upgraded a number of existing security measures, as well as implemented new ones.

We have enhanced our alarm and surveillance technology, are monitoring critical switching stations and have centralized reporting for all security incidents. SaskPower is also participating in the Saskatchewan Critical Infrastructure Advisory Network working group targeting metal theft. Meanwhile, our company continues to move away from copper as the primary method of grounding our stations.

#### **Corporate Balanced Scorecard performance measure**

##### M21. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT SPEND (%) (RETIRING)

	Twelve months December 31 2014	Twelve months December 31 2015	Fifteen months March 31 2015-16	Twelve months March 31 2016-17	Twelve months March 31 2017-18	Twelve months March 31 2018-19	Long-term
Target	>30	>30	•	•	•	•	•
Actual	37	39	38				

• Denotes that actuals or targets were not available or reported for that time period.

This measure reflects the proportion of the Information Technology & Security capital and operating budget that is devoted to innovative and forward-looking initiatives, as opposed to operational spending.

SaskPower exceeded its performance target for the IT development spend in 2015. Initiatives included perimeter security, Electric Office optimization (supports network planning, design and analysis, and operations), upgrades to ESS, deployment of Click Optimizer and the renewal of SAP core functionality for procurement.

# 2015-16 FINANCIAL RESULTS

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016		Three Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31		Change
	2015	2014				
<b>Revenue</b>						
Saskatchewan electricity sales	\$ 2,690	\$ 562	\$ 2,128	\$ 2,043	\$ 85	
Exports	9	1	8	7	1	
Net costs from electricity trading	(2)	-	(2)	(2)	-	
Share of profit from equity accounted investees	2	1	1	2	(1)	
Other revenue	188	27	161	107	54	
	<b>2,887</b>	591	2,296	2,157	139	
<b>Expense</b>						
Fuel and purchased power	818	168	650	638	12	
Operating, maintenance and administration	793	159	634	656	(22)	
Depreciation and amortization	571	119	452	389	63	
Finance charges	463	101	362	326	36	
Taxes	80	17	63	59	4	
Other expenses	38	7	31	46	(15)	
	<b>2,763</b>	571	2,192	2,114	78	
<b>Income before the following</b>	<b>\$ 124</b>	\$ 20	\$ 104	\$ 43	\$ 61	
Unrealized market value adjustments	(98)	(34)	(64)	17	(81)	
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 26</b>	\$ (14)	\$ 40	\$ 60	\$ (20)	
<b>Return on equity (operating)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>5.7%</b>		4.7%	2.0%	2.7%	
<b>Return on equity<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1.2%</b>		1.8%	2.7%	-0.9%	

1. Return on equity (operating) = (income before unrealized market value adjustments)/(average equity).

2. Return on equity = (net income)/(average equity).

## Change of year-end

The Corporation has been directed by the provincial government to change its fiscal year-end to March 31 to coincide with that of the Province of Saskatchewan. The first complete fiscal period will consist of the fifteen months ending March 31, 2016. Please see below for related references.

### Q1 – Q4

Quarter 1–Quarter 4 is defined as the period from January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2015.

### Q5

Quarter 5 is defined as the period from January 1, 2016, to March 31, 2016.

# HIGHLIGHTS AND SUMMARY OF RESULTS

## Q1 – Q4

SaskPower's consolidated income before unrealized market value adjustments was \$104 million in 2015, compared to \$43 million in 2014. The increase in earnings was primarily due to higher revenue offset by an increase in expenses. SaskPower's operating return on equity was 4.7% in 2015, up nearly three percentage points from the previous year.

Total revenue was \$2,296 million, up \$139 million from 2014. Saskatchewan electricity sales were up \$85 million as a result of higher sales volumes as well as the system-wide average rate increase of 3.0% that became effective January 1, 2015. An additional system-wide average rate increase of 2.0% effective September 1, 2015, also contributed to the higher revenue realized in 2015. Electricity sales volumes to Saskatchewan customers were 21,625 gigawatt hours (GWh), up 236 GWh or 1.1% compared to the prior year.

In addition, other revenue increased \$54 million as a result of higher customer contributions as well as rental fees from the Shand Carbon Capture Test Facility (CCTF). Export, trading and equity investment revenue was consistent with the prior year.

Total expense was \$2,192 million, up \$78 million from 2014. This is mainly attributable to capital-related expenses — depreciation, finance charges, taxes and other expenses — which increased \$88 million in 2015 as a result of SaskPower's capital program. Depreciation expense increased \$63 million compared to 2014 as SaskPower invested \$990 million in capital in 2015. Finance charges increased \$36 million compared to 2014 due to additional interest expense incurred as a result of higher borrowings as well as lower interest capitalized. Taxes increased by \$4 million as a result of growth in the Corporation's capital tax base. Finally, other expenses decreased by \$15 million largely due to the impairment loss on Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters recognized in 2014.

Fuel and purchased power costs also increased \$12 million, largely as a result of an unfavourable change in the fuel mix due to lower hydro generation being replaced by more expensive natural gas generation. This increase was offset by reduced operating, maintenance and administration (OM&A) costs, which were down \$22 million in 2015 as compared to 2014, primarily as a result of reduced maintenance and cost-cutting initiatives.

SaskPower reported \$64 million of unrealized market value net losses in 2015, compared to \$17 million in net gains in 2014. The unrealized market value adjustments represent the change in the market value of our company's outstanding natural gas hedges; electricity contracts; and debt retirement funds at year-end.

The net impact of SaskPower's operating results plus unrealized market value losses was a consolidated income of \$40 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2015.

## Q5

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, consolidated income before unrealized market value adjustments was \$20 million. Total revenue was \$591 million, with Saskatchewan electricity sales of \$562 million and electricity sales volumes to Saskatchewan customers of 5,757 GWh. Exports, trading, and earnings from equity investments were \$2 million, and other revenue was \$27 million. Total expense was \$571 million, including capital-related expenses of \$244 million. Fuel and purchased power costs were \$168 million, OM&A costs were \$159 million, and \$34 million of unrealized market value net losses were reported.

## FIFTEEN MONTHS

The net impact of SaskPower's operating results plus unrealized market value losses was a consolidated income of \$26 million for the fifteen months ended March 31, 2016.

## REVENUE

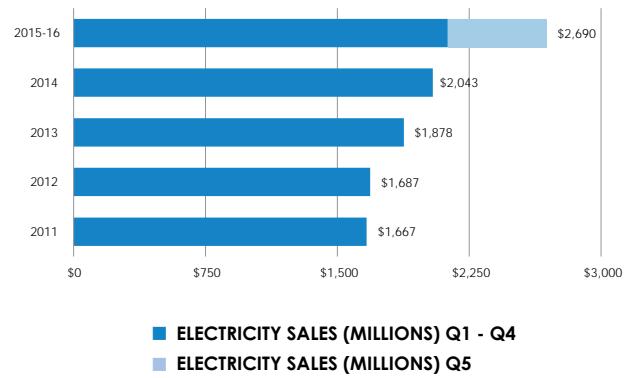
### Saskatchewan electricity sales

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31		Three Months March 31	Twelve Months December 31			Change
	2016	2016		2015	2014		
<b>Saskatchewan electricity sales</b>	<b>\$ 2,690</b>	<b>\$ 562</b>		<b>\$ 2,128</b>	<b>\$ 2,043</b>	<b>\$ 85</b>	

Saskatchewan electricity sales represent the sale of electricity to all customer classes within the province. These sales are subject to the effects of general economic conditions, number of customers, weather, and electricity rates.

Saskatchewan electricity sales were \$2,128 million in 2015, up \$85 million from 2014. The increase was due to higher electricity sales volumes, as well as the system-wide average rate increase of 3.0% that became effective January 1, 2015, and an additional system-wide average rate increase of 2.0% effective September 1, 2015. Electricity sales volumes to Saskatchewan customers were 21,625 GWh, up 236 GWh or 1.1% compared to the prior year. The increase in sales volumes is attributed to a 6% growth in the power customer class, which was slightly offset by a decline in the residential, reseller, and farm customer classes due to milder weather in 2015.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, Saskatchewan electricity sales were \$562 million, for a total of \$2,690 million for the fifteen months then ended. Sales volumes for the three months ended March 31, 2016, were 5,757 GWh, for a total of 27,382 GWh for the fifteen months then ended.



■ ELECTRICITY SALES (MILLIONS) Q1 - Q4  
■ ELECTRICITY SALES (MILLIONS) Q5

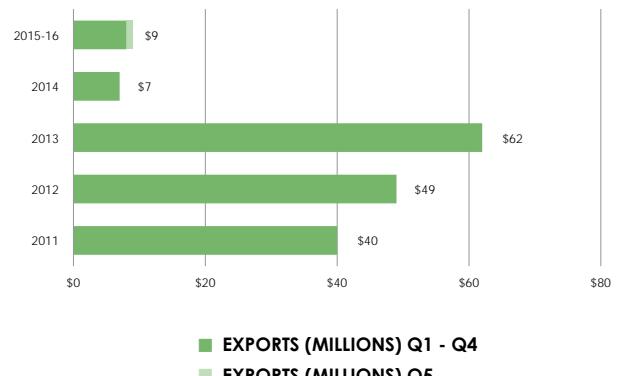
### Exports

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31		Three Months March 31	Twelve Months December 31			Change
	2016	2016		2015	2014		
<b>Exports</b>	<b>\$ 9</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>		<b>\$ 8</b>	<b>\$ 7</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	

Exports represent the sale of SaskPower's available generation to other regions in Canada and the United States. The bulk of our exports are traditionally made to the neighbouring Alberta and Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) markets. Export pricing is not subject to the rate review process but is determined based on market conditions in other jurisdictions. Export sales volumes are dependent on the availability of SaskPower generation, market conditions in other jurisdictions, and transmission availability.

Exports were \$8 million in 2015, up \$1 million from 2014. Exports increased due to higher Alberta Power Pool prices, offset by a decrease in sales volumes. The average export sales price increased from \$78/megawatt hour (MWh) in 2014 to \$113/MWh in 2015. Export sales volumes decreased 19 GWh, or 21% compared to 2014.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, exports were \$1 million, for a total of \$9 million for the fifteen months then ended. Sales volumes were 42 GWh for the three months ended March 31, 2016, for a total of 113 GWh for the fifteen months then ended. The average export sales price dropped to \$80/MWh.



■ EXPORTS (MILLIONS) Q1 - Q4  
■ EXPORTS (MILLIONS) Q5

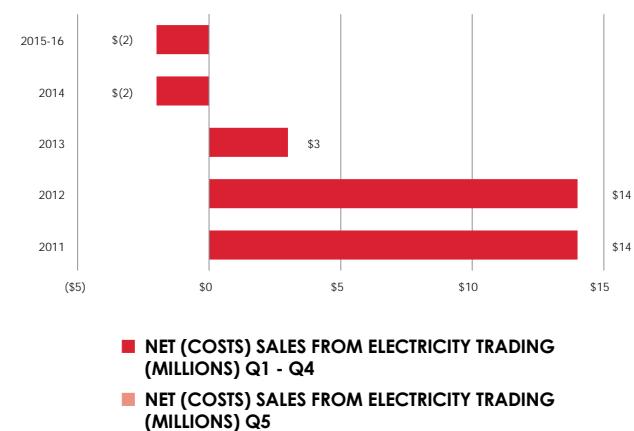
## Net costs from electricity trading

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016	Three Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31		Change
			2015	2014	
Electricity trading revenue	\$ 7	\$ 1	\$ 6	\$ 11	\$ (5)
Electricity trading costs	(9)	(1)	(8)	(13)	5
<b>Net costs from electricity trading</b>	<b>\$ (2)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (2)</b>	<b>\$ (2)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Electricity trading activities, performed by SaskPower's subsidiary NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc., include the purchase and resale of electricity and other derivatives in regions outside Saskatchewan. The trading activities include both real-time as well as short- to long-term physical and financial trades in the North American market. The trading activities are intended to deliver positive gross margins to SaskPower's bottom line while operating within an acceptable level of risk.

SaskPower experienced a \$2 million loss on electricity trading activities in 2015 as a result of limited economic trading opportunities in Alberta.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, net costs from electricity trading were nil, for a total loss of \$2 million on electricity trading activities for the fifteen months then ended.



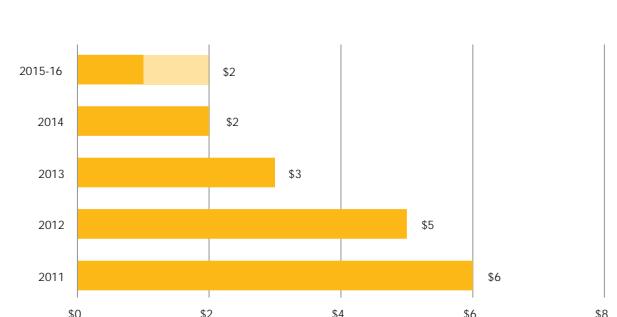
## Share of profit from equity accounted investees

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016	Three Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31		Change
			2015	2014	
<b>Share of profit from equity accounted investees</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ (1)</b>

SaskPower accounts for its 30% ownership in the MRM Cogeneration Station (MRM) using the equity method. MRM is a 172-MW natural gas-fired cogeneration facility located at the Athabasca Oil Sands Project's Muskeg River Mine, north of Fort McMurray, Alberta. The electricity generated by the facility is used by the mine, with excess energy delivered to the Alberta power grid.

SaskPower's share of profit from its investment in MRM was \$1 million in 2015, down \$1 million from the prior year. This was due to lower margins on merchant sales as a result of a major overhaul occurring in 2015.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, SaskPower's share of profit from its equity investment was \$1 million, for a total of \$2 million for the fifteen months then ended.

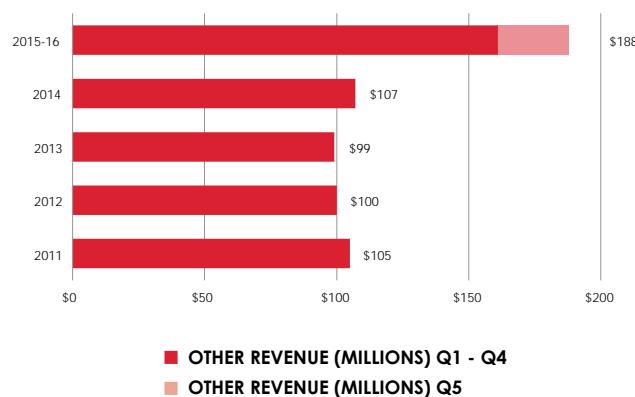


## Other revenue

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016		Three Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31		Change
	2015	2014		2015	2014	
Customer contributions	\$ 101	\$ 47	\$ 8	\$ 93	\$ 46	
Gas and electrical inspections	25	22	4	21	(1)	
Carbon capture test facility rental fees	13	-	4	9	9	
Fly ash sales	8	7	1	7	-	
CO <sub>2</sub> sales	7	3	4	3	-	
Wind power production incentives	6	5	1	5	-	
Joint use charge	6	5	1	5	-	
Custom work	5	4	1	4	-	
Miscellaneous revenue	17	14	3	14	-	
<b>Other revenue</b>	<b>\$ 188</b>	<b>\$ 107</b>	<b>\$ 27</b>	<b>\$ 161</b>	<b>\$ 54</b>	

Other revenue includes various non-electricity products and services. Other revenue increased \$54 million to \$161 million in 2015. The increase was mainly attributable to higher revenue from customer contributions as well as fees for the use of the Shand CCTF. These increases were offset by a reduction in gas and electrical inspection revenue.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, other revenue was \$27 million, for a total of \$188 million for the fifteen months then ended.



## EXPENSE

### Fuel and purchased power

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016		Three Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31			Change			
	\$	818		\$	168	\$	650	\$	638	\$
<b>Fuel and purchased power</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>818</b>								

SaskPower's fuel and purchased power costs include the fuel charges associated with the electricity generated from SaskPower-owned facilities, costs associated with power purchase agreements (PPAs), and electricity imported from markets outside Saskatchewan. This electricity is used to serve our company's Saskatchewan customers, with surplus electricity being sold to markets outside the province when favourable conditions exist.

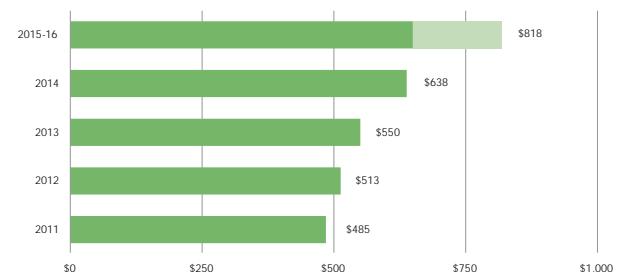
Fuel and purchased power costs were \$650 million in 2015, up \$12 million from 2014. The \$12 million increase is a result of unfavourable fuel mix and volume variances offset by a favourable price variance.

The fuel mix is the relative proportion that each fuel source contributes to our total fuel supply. The more energy that is generated from lower incremental cost units such as coal and hydro, the more favourable the impact on fuel and purchased power costs. During 2015, hydro generation accounted for 14% of total generation, down 6% compared to 2014. The decreased hydro generation was largely replaced with more expensive natural gas generation. This unfavourable change in the fuel mix resulted in an estimated \$39 million increase in fuel and purchased power costs.

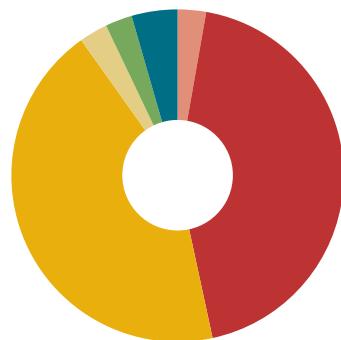
Total generation and purchased power was 23,744 GWh in 2015, an increase of 320 GWh or 1.4% compared to 2014. The increased generation was required to supply electricity demand growth in Saskatchewan. The higher volume of generation resulted in an estimated \$9 million increase in fuel and purchased power costs.

These unfavourable variances were partially offset by lower costs for natural gas, with average prices decreasing by approximately \$0.70 per gigajoule (GJ). This resulted in an estimated \$36 million decrease in fuel and purchased power costs.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, fuel and purchased power costs were \$168 million, for a total of \$818 million for the fifteen months then ended. Total generation and purchased power was 6,430 GWh, for a total of 30,174 GWh for the fifteen months ended March 31, 2016.

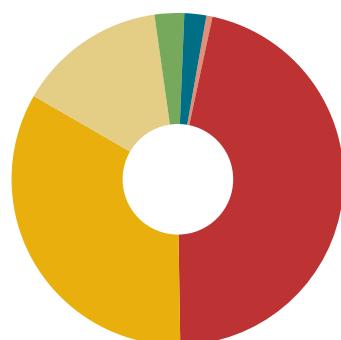


FUEL AND PURCHASED POWER (MILLIONS) Q1 - Q4  
FUEL AND PURCHASED POWER (MILLIONS) Q5



2015 FUEL AND PURCHASED POWER - \$650 MILLION

■ COAL 44%  
■ GAS 43%  
■ HYDRO 3%  
■ WIND 3%  
■ IMPORTS 4%  
■ OTHER 3%



2015 GROSS ELECTRICITY SUPPLIED - 23,744 GWH

■ COAL 46%  
■ GAS 34%  
■ HYDRO 14%  
■ WIND 3%  
■ IMPORTS 2%  
■ OTHER 1%

## Operating, maintenance and administration (OM&A)

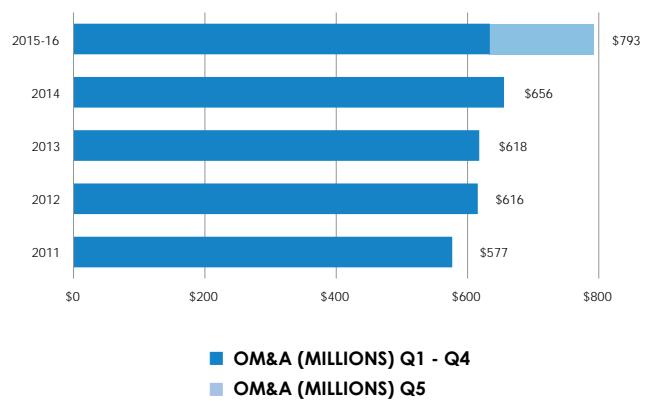
(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31		Three Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31			Change
	2016	2015		2014	2015	2014	
<b>Operating, maintenance and administration</b>	<b>\$ 793</b>		\$ 159	\$ 634	\$ 656	\$ (22)	

OM&A expense includes salaries and benefits; external services; materials and supplies; and other operating costs.

OM&A expense was \$634 million in 2015, down \$22 million from 2014. The decrease was due to a reduction in maintenance at the Corporation's generation facilities as well as SaskPower's spending restraint initiatives.

In 2015, the number of days dedicated to performing overhauls at the Corporation's generation facilities was less than half of what was performed in 2014. Salaries and benefits decreased due to a net reduction of 165 full-time equivalents, as well as a wage freeze for out-of-scope employees. In addition, consulting, contractor, advertising and training and travel expenditures were reduced compared to the prior year.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, OM&A expense was \$159 million, for a total of \$793 million for the fifteen months then ended.



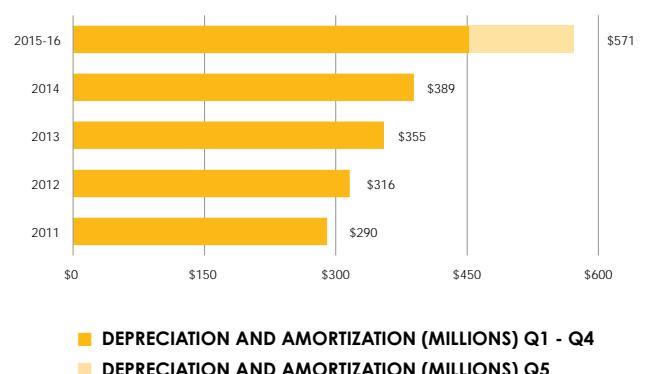
## Depreciation and amortization

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31		Three Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31			Change
	2016	2015		2014	2015	2014	
<b>Depreciation and amortization</b>	<b>\$ 571</b>		\$ 119	\$ 452	\$ 389	\$ 63	

Depreciation represents a charge to income for the capital expenditures of SaskPower. The capital expenditures are amortized to income on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of each component of property, plant and equipment. Depreciation rates are established based on periodic depreciation studies.

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$452 million in 2015, up \$63 million from 2014. The increase was primarily attributable to property, plant and equipment additions as a result of ongoing capital expenditures. As well, following the completion of an internal depreciation study in 2014, the estimated useful lives of certain asset components were changed. The changes in estimates were applied prospectively effective January 1, 2015, and resulted in a \$7 million increase to depreciation expense in 2015.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, depreciation expense was \$119 million, for a total of \$571 million for the fifteen months then ended.



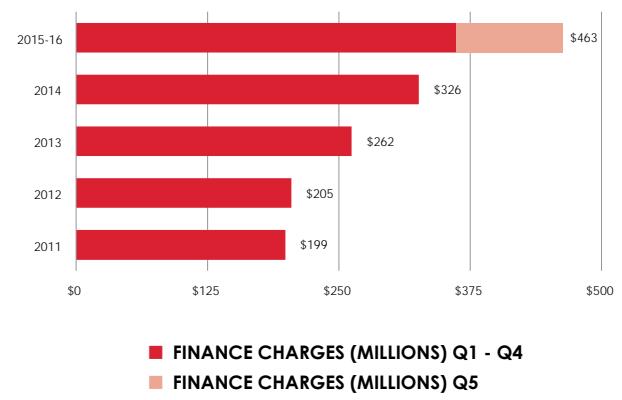
## Finance charges

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016		Three Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31			Change
	2015	2014					
<b>Finance charges</b>	<b>\$ 463</b>	\$ 101	\$ 362	\$ 326	\$ 326	\$ 36	

Finance charges include the net of interest on long-term and short-term debt; interest on finance leases; interest on employee benefit plans; interest on provisions; interest capitalized; debt retirement fund earnings; and interest income.

Finance charges were \$362 million in 2015, up \$36 million from 2014. The increase in finance charges was attributable to additional interest expense incurred as a result of higher long-term debt levels required to finance SaskPower's capital expenditures. This was coupled with a \$31 million decrease in interest capitalized during the year as a result of a reduction in the size of the construction in progress balance that was carried throughout the year. These amounts were offset by a \$10 million increase in debt retirement fund earnings as well as a \$3 million reduction in interest related to employee benefit plans.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, finance charges were \$101 million, for a total of \$463 million for the fifteen months then ended.



■ FINANCE CHARGES (MILLIONS) Q1 - Q4  
■ FINANCE CHARGES (MILLIONS) Q5

## Taxes

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016		Three Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31			Change
	2015	2014					
<b>Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 80</b>	\$ 17	\$ 63	\$ 59	\$ 59	\$ 4	

Taxes represent the payment of corporate capital tax to the Province of Saskatchewan and grants-in-lieu of taxes paid to 13 cities in Saskatchewan.

Taxes were \$63 million in 2015, up \$4 million from 2014. This increase was primarily due to higher corporate capital tax as a result of growth in the Corporation's capital tax base.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, taxes were \$17 million, for a total of \$80 million for the fifteen months then ended.



■ TAXES (MILLIONS) Q1 - Q4  
■ TAXES (MILLIONS) Q5

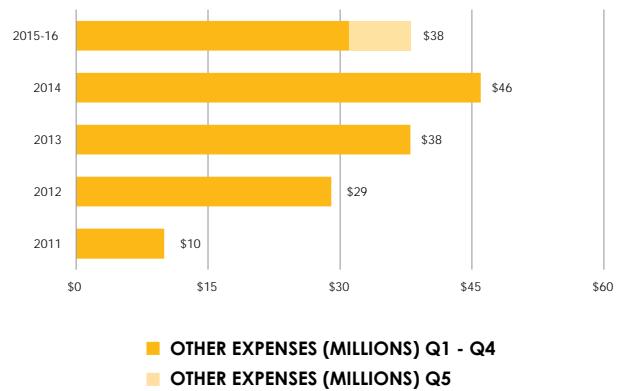
## Other expenses

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31		Three Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31			Change
	2016	2015		2014	2014	2014	
<b>Other expenses</b>	\$ 38	\$ 7	\$ 31	\$ 46	\$ 46	\$ (15)	

Other expenses include asset impairment losses, net losses on asset disposals and retirements, environmental remediation activities, inventory variance adjustments and foreign exchange gains/losses.

Other expenses were \$31 million in 2015, down \$15 million compared to 2014. The decrease was mainly due to the recognition of a \$17 million impairment loss on AMI meters as a result of a decision to replace these meters with legacy meters in 2014.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, other expenses were \$7 million, for a total of \$38 million for the fifteen months then ended.



## UNREALIZED MARKET VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31		Three Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31			Change
	2016	2015		2014	2014	2014	
Natural gas contracts losses	\$ (79)	\$ (37)	\$ (42)	\$ (15)	\$ (27)		
Natural gas inventory revaluation	(2)	-	(2)	(2)	-		
Electricity contracts losses	(4)	-	(4)	(1)	(3)		
Debt retirement funds (losses) gains	(13)	3	(16)	35	(51)		
<b>Unrealized market value adjustments</b>	<b>\$ (98)</b>	<b>\$ (34)</b>	<b>\$ (64)</b>	<b>\$ 17</b>	<b>\$ (81)</b>		

Unrealized market value adjustments represent the change in the market value of the Corporation's outstanding natural gas hedges; natural gas inventory; electricity trading contracts; and debt retirement funds at period-end. These non-cash transactions resulted in net market value losses for the year of \$64 million compared to a \$17 million net gain in the prior year.

SaskPower had outstanding natural gas hedges of approximately 129 million notional GJ to cap the price of natural gas on a portion of the Corporation's anticipated natural gas needs for the period of 2016 to 2025. The market value of these outstanding natural gas hedges declined \$42 million in 2015 compared to a \$15 million decrease the previous year. The losses are the result of a decline in the forward price of natural gas offset by the settlement of natural gas hedge contracts. Market value adjustments on natural gas hedges are subject to significant volatility based on movements in the forward price of natural gas.

The net realizable value of the Corporation's natural gas inventory held in storage has also declined due to falling natural gas prices. As a result, SaskPower recognized a \$2 million write-down of its natural gas inventory in 2015.

Unrealized market value losses related to SaskPower's outstanding electricity derivative contracts were \$4 million in 2015 compared to \$1 million in the prior year. These losses are the result of a decline in the forward price of electricity as well as the settlement of electricity derivative contracts.

Finally, the Corporation also recorded \$16 million in market value losses related to its debt retirement funds, which represents a \$51 million decrease compared to the prior year. The decline in the market value of the debt retirement funds is primarily due to an increase in long-term interest rates which negatively impacts the value of the bonds in the debt retirement fund portfolio.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, SaskPower's net market value losses were \$34 million, for a total of \$98 million in losses for the fifteen months then ended. The market value of SaskPower's outstanding natural gas hedges declined \$37 million in the three months ended March 31, 2016, as a result of a further decline in the forward price of natural gas. The Corporation also recognized market value gains related to debt retirement funds of \$3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

# 2015-16 QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following table outlines the quarterly results of SaskPower for the fifteen months ended March 31, 2016:

(in millions)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Total
<b>Revenue</b>						
Saskatchewan electricity sales	\$ 558	\$ 509	\$ 518	\$ 543	\$ 562	\$ 2,690
Exports	1	6	1	-	1	9
Net costs from electricity trading	-	-	(1)	(1)	-	(2)
Share of profit from equity accounted investees	1	-	-	-	1	2
Other revenue	23	38	26	74	27	188
	<b>583</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>2,887</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
Fuel and purchased power	166	143	167	174	168	818
Operating, maintenance and administration	156	166	151	161	159	793
Depreciation and amortization	105	111	116	120	119	571
Finance charges	79	89	95	99	101	463
Taxes	16	16	16	15	17	80
Other expenses	1	4	7	19	7	38
	<b>523</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>2,763</b>
<b>Income (loss) before the following</b>	<b>\$ 60</b>	<b>\$ 24</b>	<b>\$ (8)</b>	<b>\$ 28</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>	<b>\$ 124</b>
Unrealized market value adjustments	(15)	(18)	(21)	(10)	(34)	(98)
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 45</b>	<b>\$ 6</b>	<b>\$ (29)</b>	<b>\$ 18</b>	<b>\$ (14)</b>	<b>\$ 26</b>

## Q1

SaskPower's consolidated income before unrealized market value adjustments was \$60 million in the first quarter of 2015-16. The strong earnings in the quarter are attributable to robust sales volumes as a result of cold weather and relatively low maintenance activities.

## Q2

SaskPower's consolidated income before unrealized market value adjustments was \$24 million in the second quarter of 2015-16. The earnings in the quarter are primarily due to revenue from customer contributions coupled with low maintenance activities.

## Q3

SaskPower's consolidated loss before unrealized market value adjustments was \$8 million in the third quarter of 2015-16. The loss was the result of rising fuel and purchased power costs as well as increased capital-related expenditures.

## Q4

SaskPower had consolidated income before unrealized market value adjustments of \$28 million in the fourth quarter of 2015-16. The earnings in the quarter are attributable primarily to customer contributions, CO<sub>2</sub> sales, fees for the rental of the Shand CCTF, and strong Saskatchewan sales volumes.

## Q5

SaskPower had consolidated income before unrealized market value adjustments of \$20 million in the fifth quarter of 2015-16. The earnings in the quarter are relatively weak compared to the first quarter as a result of warmer than normal weather and the impact of capital spending during the 2015 calendar year on capital-related expenses.

# FINANCIAL CONDITION

The following table outlines changes in the consolidated statement of financial position from December 31, 2014, to March 31, 2016:

(in millions)	Increase/ (decrease)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents (bank indebtedness)</b> Refer to Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.	\$ 30
<b>Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue</b> Margin deposits on natural gas derivatives and timing of receipts.	94
<b>Inventory</b> Decrease in natural gas inventory plus an increase in the obsolete inventory allowance.	(6)
<b>Prepaid expenses</b> Timing of employee benefit payments.	5
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b> Capital additions offset by depreciation, asset disposals, and retirements.	592
<b>Intangible assets</b> Amortization expense less capitalization of new software costs.	(19)
<b>Debt retirement funds</b> Instalments, earnings, and market value losses.	76
<b>Investments accounted for using equity method</b> MRM equity distributions less investment income.	(2)
<b>Other assets</b> Amortization of long-term coal supply agreements.	(1)
<b>Accounts payable and accrued liabilities</b> Timing of payments.	(162)
<b>Accrued interest</b> Timing of interest payments.	(5)
<b>Risk management liabilities (net of risk management assets)</b> Losses on natural gas hedges.	68
<b>Short-term advances</b> Increase in short-term borrowings.	91
<b>Long-term debt (including current portion)</b> New borrowings offset by repayments and amortization of debt premiums.	775
<b>Finance lease obligations (including current portion)</b> Principal repayment of finance lease obligations.	(5)
<b>Employee benefits</b> Actuarial losses on the defined benefit pension plan.	31
<b>Provisions</b> Additional decommissioning provisions established and accretion offset by expenditures incurred.	8
<b>Equity</b> 2015-16 comprehensive loss.	(32)

# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

SaskPower raises most of its capital through internal operating activities and borrowings obtained from the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance. This type of borrowing allows our company to take advantage of the Government of Saskatchewan's strong credit rating. *The Power Corporation Act* (the Act) provides SaskPower with the authority to have outstanding borrowings of up to \$8 billion, which includes \$1.4 billion that may be borrowed by way of temporary loans. Temporary loans include short-term borrowings through the Government of Saskatchewan as well as borrowings made under the \$51 million of credit facilities available at financial institutions.

The other major sources of financing utilized by our company include non-recourse debt that was issued in 2001 to finance SaskPower's share of the Cory Cogeneration Station and \$660 million in equity advances that were provided by Crown Investments Corporation (CIC) from 1989–1992 to form CIC's equity capitalization in SaskPower.

## a) Sources of financing

Types of financing	Authorized amount	Outstanding as at March 31, 2016
Credit facility	\$51.0 million	—
Temporary loans (including credit facility)	\$1.4 billion	<b>\$1.0 billion</b>
Total borrowings (including temporary loans)	\$8.0 billion	<b>\$6.1 billion</b>

## b) Credit ratings

	2015-16			2014		
	Short-term obligations	Long-term obligations	Trend	Short-term obligations	Long-term obligations	Trend
Dominion Bond Rating Service	R-1 (high) <sup>1</sup>	AA <sup>2</sup>	Stable	R-1 (high) <sup>1</sup>	AA <sup>2</sup>	Stable

- As per Dominion Bond Rating Service Rating Policies, R-1 (high) denotes the highest credit quality. The capacity for payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is exceptionally high. Unlikely to be adversely affected by future events.
- As per Dominion Bond Rating Service Rating Policies, AA denotes superior credit quality. The capacity for payment of financial obligations is considered high. Credit quality differs from AAA only to a small degree. Unlikely to be significantly vulnerable to future events.

# CASH FLOW HIGHLIGHTS

## a) Operating activities

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016	Three Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31			Change
			2015	2014		
<b>Cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>\$ 409</b>	\$ 26	\$ 383	\$ 391	\$ (8)	

Cash provided by operating activities was \$409 million for the fifteen months ended March 31, 2016, up \$18 million compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2014. The increase was primarily the result of an increase in income before unrealized market value adjustments.

## b) Investing activities

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016		Three Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31			Change
	2015	2014					
Generation	\$ 143	\$ 127	\$ 17	\$ 126	\$ 127	\$ 127	\$ (1)
Transmission	105	24	43	62	24	24	38
Distribution	59	37	9	50	37	37	13
Boundary Dam ICCS Demonstration Project	32	202	-	32	202	202	(170)
Other	152	92	35	117	92	92	25
<b>Sustainment</b>	<b>\$ 491</b>	<b>\$ 482</b>	<b>\$ 104</b>	<b>\$ 387</b>	<b>\$ 482</b>	<b>\$ (95)</b>	
Generation	176	220	2	174	220	220	(46)
Transmission	207	239	43	164	239	239	(75)
Distribution	90	53	10	80	53	53	27
Customer connects	199	230	29	170	230	230	(60)
<b>Growth and compliance</b>	<b>\$ 672</b>	<b>\$ 742</b>	<b>\$ 84</b>	<b>\$ 588</b>	<b>\$ 742</b>	<b>\$ (154)</b>	
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$ 15</b>	<b>\$ (40)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 15</b>	<b>\$ 55</b>	<b>\$ 55</b>	
Total capital expenditures	\$ 1,178	\$ 1,279	\$ 188	\$ 990	\$ 1,279	\$ 1,279	\$ (289)
Less: Interest capitalized	(35)	31	(4)	(31)	(62)	(62)	31
Proceeds from sale and disposal of assets	(3)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(1)	
Costs of removal of assets	4	(1)	1	3	4	4	(1)
Distributions from equity investees	(4)	(1)	(1)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(1)
<b>Cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>\$ 1,140</b>	<b>\$ 1,218</b>	<b>\$ 183</b>	<b>\$ 957</b>	<b>\$ (261)</b>		

In order to ensure a reliable, sustainable and cost-effective supply of electricity for its customers, SaskPower spent \$1.178 billion on various capital projects during the fifteen months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$1.279 billion in the 2014 calendar year.

Our company invested \$491 million on sustainment activities, including:

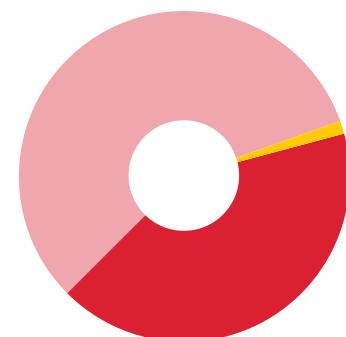
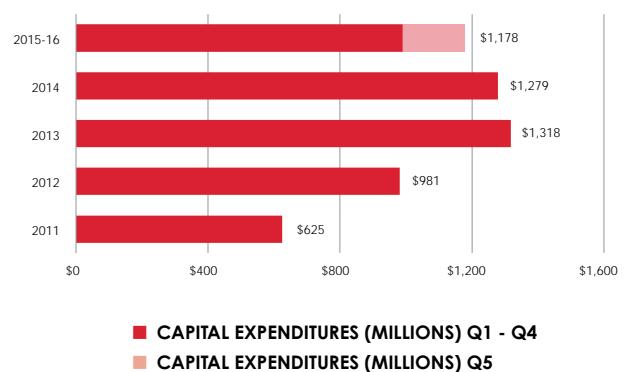
- \$143 million on generation assets and \$164 million on transmission and distribution assets.
- \$32 million to optimize the Boundary Dam Integrated Carbon Capture and Storage (ICCS) Demonstration Project.
- \$152 million for other expenditures, including \$47 million on corporate information and technology assets and \$29 million on vehicles and equipment.

SaskPower spent \$672 million on growth and compliance investments, including:

- \$176 million on new generation assets, including \$169 million on the repowering of Queen Elizabeth Power Station.
- \$297 million on increasing grid capacity, including \$92 million on the 11K Transmission Line.
- \$199 million to connect customers to the SaskPower electric system.

Also included in the cash flows used in investing activities were the following:

- \$3 million in proceeds from the sale and disposal of certain assets.
- \$4 million in costs incurred on the retirement and disposal of certain assets.
- \$4 million received in cash distributions from SaskPower's equity investment in MRM.



2015-16 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES - \$1.178 BILLION

- SUSTAINMENT 42%
- GROWTH & COMPLIANCE 57%
- OTHER 1%

### c) Financing activities

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016	Three Months March 31		Twelve Months December 31			Change
				2015	2014		
Net proceeds from short-term advances	\$ 91	\$ 31	\$ 60	\$ 86	\$ (26)		
Proceeds from long-term debt	783	177	606	792	(186)		
Repayment of long-term debt	(6)	(1)	(5)	(4)	(1)		
Debt retirement fund instalments	(56)	(14)	(42)	(36)	(6)		
Principal repayment of finance lease obligations	(11)	(3)	(8)	(6)	(2)		
Increase in finance lease obligations	6	-	6	7	(1)		
Realized losses on cash flow hedges	(46)	(3)	(43)	(12)	(31)		
<b>Cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>\$ 761</b>	<b>\$ 187</b>	<b>\$ 574</b>	<b>\$ 827</b>	<b>\$ (253)</b>		

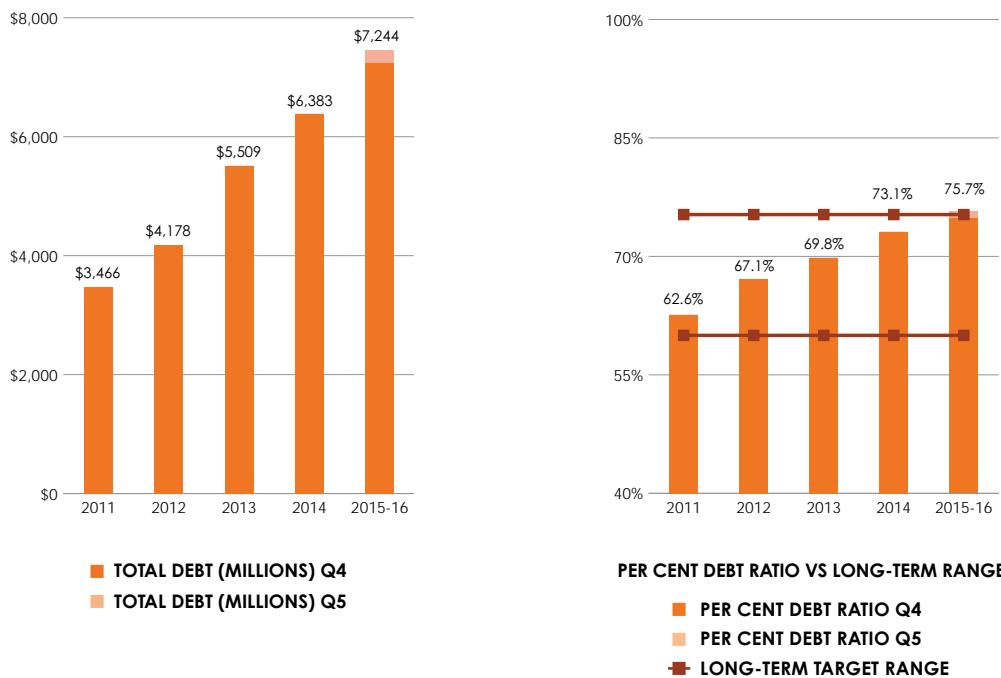
In the fifteen months ended March 31, 2016, \$761 million of cash was provided by financing activities, compared to \$827 million in the prior period. The cash was used to finance the Corporation's capital program.

### Capital management

(in millions)	March 31 2016	December 31		Change
		2015	2014	
Long-term debt	\$ 5,130	\$ 4,954	\$ 4,355	\$ 599
Short-term advances	981	950	890	60
Finance lease obligations	1,133	1,136	1,138	(2)
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>7,244</b>	<b>7,040</b>	<b>6,383</b>	<b>657</b>
Debt retirement funds	533	511	457	54
Cash and cash equivalents (bank indebtedness)	28	(2)	(2)	-
<b>Total net debt</b>	<b>\$ 6,683</b>	<b>\$ 6,531</b>	<b>\$ 5,928</b>	<b>\$ 603</b>
Retained earnings	1,547	1,561	1,521	40
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(61)	(17)	(3)	(14)
Equity advances	660	660	660	-
<b>Total capital</b>	<b>\$ 8,829</b>	<b>\$ 8,735</b>	<b>\$ 8,106</b>	<b>\$ 629</b>
<b>Per cent debt ratio<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>75.7%</b>	<b>74.8%</b>	<b>73.1%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

1. Per cent debt ratio = (debt)/(debt + equity), where debt = (long-term debt + short-term advances + finance lease obligations + bank indebtedness – debt retirement funds – cash and cash equivalents).

## Total debt position



SaskPower's total debt position (including finance lease obligations) was \$7.2 billion at March 31, 2016, up \$0.9 billion from the prior year. The increase was the result of the following:

- The Corporation, through the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue Fund, transacted the following long-term borrowings:

Date of issue	Date of maturity	Effective interest rate (%)	Coupon rate (%)	Par value	Unamortized premiums (discount)	Outstanding amount
February 5, 2015	June 2, 2045	2.73	3.90	\$ 200	\$ 48	\$ 248
May 26, 2015	December 2, 2046	3.15	2.75	200	(16)	184
October 15, 2015	December 2, 2046	3.43	2.75	200	(26)	174
January 19, 2016	December 2, 2046	3.34	2.75	200	(23)	177
				\$ 800	\$ (17)	\$ 783

- The Corporation borrowed an additional \$91 million in short-term advances through the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue Fund. The advances have interest rates ranging from 0.548% to 0.672% and mature between April 1 and July 22, 2016.
- In addition, the Corporation repaid \$6 million of non-recourse debt and recognized \$2 million in amortization of debt premiums.
- Lastly, finance lease obligations decreased \$5 million.

As a result of these financing activities, SaskPower's per cent debt ratio increased from 73.1% at the end of 2014 to 75.7% as at March 31, 2016.

### **Debt retirement fund instalments**

(in millions)	<b>Fifteen Months March 31 2016</b>	Three Months March 31 2016		Twelve Months December 31 2015		2014		Change
<b>Debt retirement fund instalments</b>	<b>\$ 56</b>	\$ 14		\$ 42		\$ 36	\$ 6	

Debt retirement funds are monies set aside to retire outstanding long-term debt upon maturity. SaskPower makes regular contributions to the funds, which are held and invested by the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue Fund.

During the fifteen months ended March 31, 2016, SaskPower made \$56 million in contributions to the debt retirement funds on outstanding debt issues as required by the terms of the advances from the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue Fund. In addition, the Corporation earned \$33 million (included with finance charges and classified as non-cash operating activities) on the debt retirement funds for the 2015-16 year.

### **DIVIDENDS**

Historically, SaskPower has paid dividends to CIC based on the CIC Dividend Policy. For the fiscal 2015-16 year, CIC determined that the Corporation would not be required to pay dividends due to the company's significant investments in property, plant and equipment.

### **CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

SaskPower has the following significant long-term contractual obligations as at March 31, 2016, which will impact cash flows in the following year and beyond:

(in millions)		<b>1 year</b>	<b>More than 5 years</b>	
			<b>1 - 5 years</b>	<b>5 years</b>
Planned capital expenditures		\$ 899	\$ 4,802	\$ 6,065
Power purchase agreements		364	1,720	7,001
Long-term debt (including principal and interest)		357	1,243	8,365
Debt retirement fund instalments		49	196	887
Coal purchase contracts		157	862	1,110
Natural gas purchase contracts		95	346	191
Transmission purchase contracts		6	23	2

# CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

## SUSTAINMENT

Capital sustainment investments include generation, transmission and distribution projects that involve renewing, refurbishing or replacing existing infrastructure, either through an annual program or one-time project. Select major sustainment investments are described below.

### TRANSMISSION

TRANSMISSION WOOD POLE REMEDIATION		CIRCUIT BREAKER AND RELAY REPLACEMENTS	
IN-SERVICE ONGOING PROGRAM	TOTAL COST (MILLIONS) \$372 (NEXT 5 YEARS)	IN-SERVICE ONGOING PROGRAM	TOTAL COST (MILLIONS) \$60 (NEXT 5 YEARS)
Transmission wood pole assets are being life-extended through an assessment and treatment process. Poles are evaluated and then treated or replaced as necessary. Cross-arm and spar replacement are also included as part of this program.		Our company is replacing breakers and relays that are obsolete or at the end of their useful lives. Circuit breakers and relays protect the electrical system by interrupting any short circuits or overload currents that may occur by turning off the power. Once breakers and relays are replaced, maintenance is substantially reduced and the quality of output increases.	

### DISTRIBUTION

RURAL REBUILD AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM		DISTRIBUTION WOOD POLE REMEDIATION	
IN-SERVICE ONGOING PROGRAM	TOTAL COST (MILLIONS) \$96 (NEXT 5 YEARS)	IN-SERVICE ONGOING PROGRAM	TOTAL COST (MILLIONS) \$126 (NEXT 5 YEARS)
The Rural Rebuild and Improvement Program is focused on the strategic replacement of the aging rural electrical distribution system. It replaces lines with poor reliability performance and facilitates removal of power lines from farm fields while taking into account safety considerations and the optimization of line loss savings.		This program involves the inspection, life extension, reinforcement and replacement of aging distribution wood asset infrastructure, including poles and cross-arms. The application of additional wood preservative treatment during the testing procedure is also used to reduce the frequency of future pole reinforcement and replacement. Benefits include increased safety, system security and increased life of distribution assets.	

### GENERATION

#### E.B. CAMPBELL LIFE EXTENSION

IN-SERVICE 2025	TOTAL COST (MILLIONS) \$245
SaskPower is life-extending Units #1 through #6 at E.B. Campbell Hydroelectric Station. Located on the Saskatchewan River near Nipawin, the first six units at E.B. Campbell were commissioned in 1963/1964, with an additional two units commissioned in 1966. E.B. Campbell has a net capacity of 289 MW.	

## GROWTH AND COMPLIANCE

Growth and compliance investments include new generation, transmission or distribution additions to accommodate growth in electricity demand, customer connections and other projects.

TRANSMISSION			
REGINA BYPASS PROJECT		PASQUA TO SWIFT CURRENT TRANSMISSION LINE	
IN-SERVICE 2017-19	TOTAL COST (MILLIONS) \$57	IN-SERVICE 2019	TOTAL COST (MILLIONS) \$260
In order to support the expansion of the Regina area highway system, SaskPower is required to modify or move 13 transmission lines, 55-60 distribution lines, seven fibre communication lines and many street lighting services as part of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure's project.		A new 230-kV double circuit transmission line and other facilities are required to provide transmission service from SaskPower's planned gas-fired power plant near Swift Current, supply expected load growth in Swift Current and mitigate other lines' end-of-life issues.	
KENNEDY TO TANTALLON TRANSMISSION LINE		REGINA TO PASQUA TRANSMISSION LINE	
IN-SERVICE 2017	TOTAL COST (MILLIONS) \$113	IN-SERVICE TBD	TOTAL COST (MILLIONS) \$100
A new 230-kV transmission line — approximately 100 kilometres — and other facilities are required to facilitate load growth and reinforcement.		A new 230-kV transmission line — approximately 100 kilometres — needed to facilitate new generation and industrial growth in Regina.	

DISTRIBUTION	GENERATION
CUSTOMER CONNECTS	TAZI TWÉ HYDROELECTRIC STATION
IN-SERVICE ONGOING PROGRAM	TOTAL COST (MILLIONS) \$509 (NEXT 5 YEARS)
The objective of this program is to provide for the connection of new electrical services to the SaskPower grid, as well as to upgrade existing customer services. SaskPower is mandated by the Act to provide service as requested by the customer.	A proposed 50-MW power generation project in partnership with the Black Lake First Nation in northern Saskatchewan, approximately 100 kilometres south of the Northwest Territories border. Adjacent to the Fond du Lac River, the project is designed as a water diversion hydro facility that does not require a dam structure and will not flood any land.

## OTHER PLANNED LARGE-SCALE CAPITAL PROJECTS

All projects are subject to approval by the SaskPower Board of Directors and CIC Board of Directors. Projected costs are excluded from the project referenced below as it potentially involves an independent power producer (IPP) lease agreement.

GENERATION	
COMBINED CYCLE GAS-FIRED FACILITY	
IN-SERVICE 2019	TOTAL COST (MILLIONS) TBD
In 2015-16, SaskPower completed an extensive site selection process for a new natural gas-fired combined cycle generating station with a capacity of up to 350 MW. The facility is required to meet growing electricity demand and to support intermittent renewable energy generation, and will be located near Swift Current. SaskPower has issued a unique request for proposal (RFP) for this project, as in addition to IPP proposals, SaskPower has prepared a corporate-build business case that will be evaluated with the external submissions.	

The final selection will be made by an external evaluation committee and a formal announcement regarding who will build, own and operate the facility is expected in late summer 2016.

# OUTLOOK

## 2016-17 FORECAST VERSUS 2015 ACTUAL RESULTS

The following table outlines the 2016-17 forecast as compared to SaskPower's 2015 actual results. These earnings expectations are subject to a number of variables including: natural gas prices; coal and hydro availability; weather; economic conditions; number of customers; and market conditions in other jurisdictions.

(in millions)	Forecast Twelve Months 2016-17	Actual Twelve Months 2015	Change
<b>Revenue</b>			
Saskatchewan electricity sales	\$ 2,328	\$ 2,128	\$ 200
Exports	17	8	9
Net sales (costs) from electricity trading	1	(2)	3
Share of profit from equity accounted investees	2	1	1
Other revenue	133	161	(28)
	<b>2,481</b>	2,296	185
<b>Expense</b>			
Fuel and purchased power	646	650	(4)
Operating, maintenance and administration	682	634	48
Depreciation and amortization	487	452	35
Finance charges	419	362	57
Taxes	68	63	5
Other expenses	23	31	(8)
	<b>2,325</b>	2,192	133
<b>Income before the following</b>			
Unrealized market value adjustments	\$ 156	\$ 104	\$ 52
	<b>25</b>	(64)	89
<b>Net income</b>			
	<b>\$ 181</b>	\$ 40	\$ 141
<b>Return on equity (operating)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>6.9%</b>	4.7%	2.2%
<b>Return on equity<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8.0%</b>	1.8%	6.2%

1. Return on equity (operating) = (income before unrealized market value adjustments)/(average equity).

2. Return on equity = (net income)/(average equity)

SaskPower's net income is expected to be \$181 million in 2016-17, resulting in a return on equity of 8.0%.

Saskatchewan sales of \$2,328 million are expected to increase \$200 million as a result of a 794 GWh or 3.7% increase in electricity sales volumes, as well as an anticipated 5.0% system-wide average rate increase on July 1, 2016, and a subsequent system-wide average rate increase of 5.0% on January 1, 2017. These rate increases are subject to approval by the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel and cabinet.

The increase in revenue, however, is expected to be partially offset by a \$133 million increase in expenses in 2016-17. The primary driver is an \$89 million increase in capital-related expenses, including depreciation, finance charges, taxes and other expenses. SaskPower invested \$990 million in capital in 2015, and an additional \$899 million is expected to be invested in 2016-17.

## 2016-17 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

(in millions)	Forecast	Actual		Change
	Twelve Months 2016-17	Twelve Months 2015		
<b>Capital expenditures</b>	\$ 899	\$ 990	\$ (91)	

SaskPower also expects to continue to make substantial investments in its infrastructure over the next 10 years. Capital expenditures in 2016-17 are forecast to be approximately \$899 million. This includes \$256 million in costs to improve and expand the Corporation's transmission and distribution infrastructure; \$153 million connecting new customers to SaskPower's grid; \$148 million to sustain our existing transmission and distribution assets; and \$170 million to maintain the existing generation fleet.

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

SaskPower also has a number of routine transactions with various Saskatchewan Crown corporations, ministries, agencies, boards and commissions related to our company by virtue of common control by the Government of Saskatchewan. These transactions with related parties are settled at prevailing market prices under normal trade terms. Related party transactions are disclosed in Note 31 to the consolidated financial statements.



# ANALYSIS OF CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

SaskPower's significant accounting policies are described in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements. Some of these policies involve accounting estimates that require management to make particularly subjective or complex judgments about matters that are inherently uncertain. Different conditions or assumptions regarding the estimates could result in materially different results being reported. Management has discussed the development and selection of these critical accounting policies with the Board of Directors and the external auditors.

The following section discusses the critical accounting estimates and assumptions that management has made and how they affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements.

## REVENUE

Electricity revenues are billed on a systematic basis over a monthly or quarterly period for all SaskPower customer classes. At the end of each month, SaskPower makes an estimate of the electricity delivered to its customers since their last billing date. The estimated unbilled revenue is based on several factors, including estimated consumption for each customer, applicable customer rates and the number of days between the last billing date and the end of the period. As at March 31, 2016, total Saskatchewan electricity sales of \$2,690 million included \$71 million of estimated unbilled revenue.

## ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS

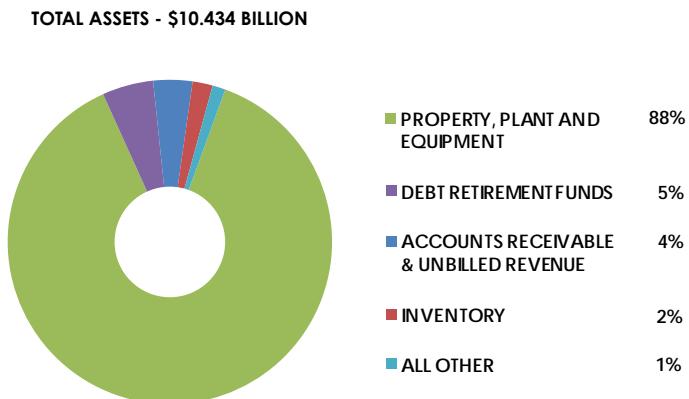
An allowance for doubtful accounts is calculated for both energy and non-energy sales. The allowance for doubtful accounts is reviewed quarterly based on an estimate of outstanding amounts that are considered uncollectible based on past experience. Historically, SaskPower has not written off a significant portion of its accounts receivable balances.

## DEPRECIATION

Property, plant and equipment represents 88% of total assets recognized on SaskPower's statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016. Included in property, plant and equipment are generation, transmission, distribution and other assets of SaskPower. Due to the size of SaskPower's property, plant and equipment, changes in estimated depreciation rates can have a significant impact on income.

Depreciation is recognized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of each component of property, plant and equipment. Depreciation commences when the property, plant and equipment is ready for its intended use. The estimated useful life of property, plant and equipment is based on manufacturers' guidance, past experience and future expectations regarding the potential for technical obsolescence. The estimated useful lives of the components are based on formal depreciation studies that are performed every five years, with annual reviews for reasonableness. A one-year increase in the average estimated service life of each of the major asset classes of property, plant and equipment would result in a \$33 million decrease to depreciation expense in the current year.

Following the completion of an internal depreciation study, the estimated useful lives of certain assets were changed. The change in estimate was applied prospectively, effective January 1, 2015. The impact of the change in estimated useful lives was a \$9 million increase to depreciation expense for the fifteen months ended March 31, 2016. See Note 3(d) and Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements for additional discussion of SaskPower's depreciation expense.



## **Coal-fired electricity generation regulations**

Canada has developed regulatory requirements regarding greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for coal-fired generation. The new coal-fired electricity generation regulations implemented by Environment and Climate Change Canada require a reduction in net emissions to 420 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) per GWh of electricity to be met for new coal-fired electricity plants, as well as units that have reached the end of their useful life. The regulations state that units commissioned before 1975 will reach the end of their useful life on the earlier of December 31, 2019, or on December 31 of the 50th year after their commissioning date. Prior to this point being reached, the decision to retire the unit or retrofit it with carbon capture and storage (CCS) equipment must be made.

By 2030, SaskPower will be required to retire or meet the regulations at Boundary Dam Power Station Units #4, #5 and #6 and Poplar River Power Station Units #1 and #2. The ICCS facility at Boundary Dam Power Station Unit #3 meets these regulations. An equivalency agreement between the Province of Saskatchewan and Government of Canada would provide some flexibility in how SaskPower's remaining coal-firing units could be managed to meet expected emissions outcomes.

If SaskPower does not choose to retrofit its plants to CCS technology, the annual impact to depreciation expense would be an increase of \$23 million.

## **PROVISIONS**

A provision is recognized if, as a result of a past event, SaskPower has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably. It must also be probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The unwinding of the discount on provisions is recognized in profit or loss as a finance expense.

### **Decommissioning**

A decommissioning provision is a legal or constructive obligation associated with the decommissioning of a long-lived asset. SaskPower recognizes decommissioning provisions if a reasonable estimate of fair value (net present value) can be determined. Our company recognizes provisions to decommission coal, natural gas, cogeneration, and wind generation facilities in the period in which the facility is commissioned. SaskPower also recognizes provisions for the decommissioning of assets containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in accordance with existing federal regulations.

The fair value of the estimated decommissioning costs is recorded as a provision, with an offsetting amount capitalized and included as part of property, plant and equipment. The decommissioning provisions are increased periodically for the passage of time by calculating interest expense. The offsetting capitalized asset retirement costs are depreciated over the estimated useful life of the related asset.

The calculations of fair value are based on detailed studies that take into account various assumptions regarding anticipated future cash flows, including the method and timing of decommissioning and estimates of future inflation. Decommissioning provisions are periodically reviewed and any changes are recognized as an increase or decrease in the carrying amount of the obligation and the related asset. If the asset is fully depreciated, the changes are recognized in profit or loss as other expenses.

Sensitivity of provisions to changes in the discount and inflation rates on the recorded liability as at March 31, 2016, is as follows:

(in millions)	<b>Decommissioning provisions</b>	
	0.5% increase	0.5% decrease
Discount rate	\$ (21)	\$ 25
Inflation rate	26	(22)

### **Environmental remediation**

A provision for environmental remediation is accrued when the occurrence of an environmental expenditure, related to present or past activities of SaskPower, is considered probable and the costs of remedial activities can be reasonably estimated. The fair value of the estimated costs for investigations and remediation at identified sites is recorded as a provision in profit or loss as other expenses. These provisions are based on management's best estimate considering current environmental laws and regulations and are recorded at fair value. SaskPower reviews its estimates of future environmental expenditures on an ongoing basis.

See Note 3(g) and Note 23 to the consolidated financial statements for additional discussion of SaskPower's provisions.

## EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

As explained in Note 3(m) and Note 32 in the consolidated financial statements, SaskPower provides post-retirement benefits to employees, including those from a defined benefit pension plan (the Plan). The Plan, substantially closed to new members since 1977, provides benefits based on the average of the highest five years' annual pensionable earnings and years of service. Pensions are increased annually at a rate equal to 70% of the increase in the Saskatchewan consumer price index (CPI).

An independent actuary calculates the funded status of the Plan at December 31 each year based on assumptions regarding discount rates, inflation rates, future pension indexing, and life expectancy. Current service costs are recognized in the statement of income as OM&A expense. Interest expense (income), which is calculated by applying the discount rate to the net accrued benefit obligation, is included in the statement of income as finance charges. The actuarial gains and losses of the Plan are recognized directly in other comprehensive income. As at March 31, 2016, the current status of the Plan recognized on the statement of financial position was an actuarial deficit of \$215 million.

### Actuarial gains and losses

Actuarial gains and losses on Plan assets are determined by calculating the difference between actual and expected returns of the Plan assets based upon the discount rate at the beginning of the year. Actuarial gains and losses on the accrued benefit obligation are calculated by an independent actuary based on the discount rate in effect at the end of the year. For the year ending March 31, 2016, \$27 million in net actuarial losses were recognized directly in other comprehensive income relating to SaskPower's defined benefit pension plans.

Changes in the long-term assumptions, including the discount rate, inflation rate, future indexing and life expectancy, can have a significant impact on the pension costs of SaskPower. Sensitivity of the Plan to changes in these assumptions on the accrued benefit obligation as at March 31, 2016, is as follows:

(in millions)	Accrued benefit obligation	
	1% increase	1% decrease
Discount rate	\$ (95)	\$ 115
Inflation rate	(30)	32
Future indexing	114	(96)
Life expectancy (each member one year older/younger)	(30)	32

# RECENT AND FUTURE ACCOUNTING POLICY CHANGES

There were no accounting changes effective in the fifteen months ended March 31, 2016, that impacted the consolidated financial statements of SaskPower.

The following new standards and amendments to standards and interpretations have been issued, however, are not yet effective for the year ended March 31, 2016, and have not been applied in preparing the consolidated financial statements. SaskPower is currently reviewing the new accounting standards to determine the potential impact, if any, on its consolidated financial statements. The Corporation intends to early adopt International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) 9, but does not have plans to early adopt any of the other new standards.

## **IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements**

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) issued amendments to International Accounting Standard (IAS) 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*, on December 18, 2014. The amendments serve to improve the effectiveness of presentation and disclosure in financial reports, with the objective of reducing immaterial note disclosures. Application of the standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016. Early adoption is permitted.

## **IFRS 9, Financial Instruments**

The final version of IFRS 9 was issued by the IASB on July 24, 2014, and will replace IAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. IFRS 9 uses a single approach to determine whether a financial asset or liability is measured at amortized cost or fair value, replacing the multiple rules in IAS 39. The basis of classification depends on the entity's business model and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset or liability. Under IFRS 9, financial assets will generally be measured initially at fair value plus particular transaction costs, and subsequently at either amortized cost or fair value. Furthermore, an entity choosing to measure a financial liability at fair value will present the portion of any change in its fair value due to changes in the entity's own credit risk in other comprehensive income, rather than within net income. The new model also represents significant improvements in hedge accounting that will enable entities to better reflect risk management activities in their financial statements.

The Standard supersedes all previous versions of IFRS 9 and is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. SaskPower intends to early adopt this standard effective April 1, 2017.

## **IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers**

IFRS 15 was issued by the IASB on May 28, 2014, and will replace IAS 18, *Revenue*, IAS 11, *Construction Contracts*, and a number of revenue-related interpretations. Application of the standard is mandatory for all IFRS reporters and it applies to nearly all contracts with customers: the main exceptions are leases, financial instruments and insurance contracts. IFRS 15 establishes principles that an entity shall apply to report useful information to users of financial statements about the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from a contract with a customer. Application of the standard is mandatory for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

## **IFRS 16, Leases**

On January 13, 2016, the IASB issued the new leases standard, IFRS 16, effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Early adoption is permitted provided that an entity does not adopt the leases standard before adopting the revenue guidance in IFRS 15.

IFRS 16 specifies how an IFRS reporter will recognize, measure, present and disclose leases. The standard provides a single lessee accounting model, requiring lessees to recognize assets and liabilities for all leases unless the lease term is 12 months or less or the underlying asset has a low value. Lessors continue to classify leases using a similar approach to that of the superseded standards, but with enhanced disclosure to improve information about a lessor's risk exposure. IFRS 16 will replace IAS 17, *Leases*, and a number of lease-related interpretations.

# RISK MANAGEMENT

SaskPower operates in an environment subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties that could impact the achievement of our business objectives, financial and operating performance, and public safety. SaskPower's risk management response is delivered using a comprehensive risk management approach including policies, procedures, practices and technology designed to support effective risk management. Strategic, financial, operational, environmental, compliance and reputational risks are managed through an Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Program that is designed to safeguard stakeholder interests, improve efficiency, and improve effectiveness. The ERM Program delivers a consistent and robust approach to risk management and assists in managing the business risks and opportunities involved in SaskPower activities.

## ERM GOVERNANCE

Our philosophy is that risk management is the responsibility of all employees. Specific roles and responsibilities related to risk management are outlined in our ERM Policy and Committee Charter as approved by the SaskPower Board of Directors. The ERM Policy is reviewed annually and was revised in 2015 to better clarify the roles related to project risk management, due diligence and oversight.

### The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the stewardship of the Corporation, including the establishment and maintenance of the ERM Program. The Audit & Finance Committee — as a standing committee of the Board — has risk management responsibility including:

- Assisting the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibility relating to risk management, accounting and internal control as well as the integrity of financial statements and the reporting process;
- Overseeing the internal audit function and the external auditors' qualifications, terms and conditions of appointment, remuneration, independence, performance and reports;
- Reviewing the Corporation's risk appetite and tolerances, risk profile, the annual enterprise risk register, quarterly interim risk reporting and the appropriateness of the ERM Program; and
- Establishing policies and procedures, defining acceptable risk tolerance and receiving an annual report of SaskPower's top risks to satisfy itself that effective risk management systems and processes are in place.

The Environment, Health & Safety Committee reviews significant environment, health and safety risks and plans to mitigate them on an annual basis or as they emerge.

### ERM Committee

The President and CEO has ultimate accountability for risk management and is supported by the Executive. Together, they form the SaskPower ERM Committee and are assigned risk management oversight which includes:

- Reviewing the annual Corporate Risk Registry to scan for emerging risks, identify risk correlations, review existing risks, prioritize SaskPower's top risks, and assign Executive responsibility for identified risks;
- Incorporating risk management into policy development, business and strategic planning and change management processes; and
- Monitoring risks against established limits, goals and targets.

In January 2016, three Executive Advisory Committees were formed to amalgamate existing advisory committees and to provide advice and guidance to management on initiatives and projects that involve significant risk or impact to the organization.

#### Other risk functions

SaskPower's business divisions are responsible for managing day-to-day risks within their area of responsibility. Project risks are the responsibility of project managers with accountability to project boards and respective Executive members. Risks are identified, analyzed, documented and reviewed in divisional risk registers annually as part of the ERM Program.

SaskPower's risk management is supported by experienced risk professionals who:

- Compile risk reporting for the Board, Audit & Finance Committee and Executive;
- Participate in risk identification, analysis, monitoring and reporting across all divisions and major projects;
- Analyze commercial and environmental risk exposures in our assets and trading operations; and
- Ensure our daily market price exposure is kept within approved risk metrics, including value at risk (VaR), position limits, term limits and market limits.

SaskPower utilizes insurance as a key tool in managing risk in conjunction with risk identification, analysis, and control. Our company employs risk and insurance management professionals and maintains appropriate insurance policies to mitigate the impact of losses arising from the operation or failure of our assets.

SaskPower's Internal Audit function augments ERM by providing assurance on the ERM Program's effectiveness and by attesting to the effectiveness of risk management practices and internal controls as part of a risk-based audit work plan.

## MAJOR RISK FACTORS

SaskPower identifies top corporate risk factors annually that could impact our company's corporate strategies and priorities, influence financial and operating results and affect achievement of our business objectives. The risks are identified and assessed by Executive and business divisions that provide a top-down and a bottom-up view of enterprise risks. SaskPower's risk portfolio evolves over time, with significant shifts to focus on key emerging issues and priority initiatives. Our company is challenged by the speed at which stakeholder and customers' demands and expectations are changing, the need for new energy supply, growing capital requirements, increasing debt, and evolving technologies and regulatory requirements.

The Corporation's ERM strategy aligns with the Corporation's corporate pillars and goals. SaskPower's performance measures and targets provide the opportunity to optimize continuous improvement in performance through strategic and business planning as well as ongoing effective risk management practices.

In 2015, improvements in SaskPower's project risk management practices were initiated in response to the CIC of Saskatchewan Smart Meter Review released in October 2014. Enhancements to our company's risk management practices included revising the Enterprise Risk Management Policy to clarify roles related to project risk management, building on existing risk management practices and developing a consistent and standardized approach to project risk management. A structured approach to improving project risk management is maturing, which includes identification of high risk and/or complex projects and additional corporate guidance for risk management throughout the project life cycle.

SaskPower regularly undertakes routine and non-routine projects as well as explores a number of strategic initiatives to meet customer demands, load requirements and to support integrated resource planning. These projects and initiatives require sound risk management to support decision making and ensure appropriate project delivery. Risk management, procurement and contract management are integral to sound project management. Also, in 2015 SaskPower procurement procedures were revisited to better incorporate risk management practices into the procurement process. SaskPower will continue to evolve its project management practices and standards to demonstrate due diligence in project and risk management. The following section addresses the top risks facing SaskPower during the year.



## Risk management governance

## 1. INFRASTRUCTURE AND RELIABILITY

Infrastructure and reliability remains a top risk at SaskPower. Significant capital spending is required to maintain system reliability, renew aging infrastructure and accommodate growing demand for electricity. SaskPower's electricity supply infrastructure used to serve existing and new customers is compromised by age, insufficient capital investment, and growing customer demand and expectations. A large portion of SaskPower's critical generation, transmission and distribution assets are near or at the end of their expected service life. Aging assets are increasingly expensive to maintain and operate and may be less efficient than newer technologies. Significant financial and other resources are required to monitor and properly sustain the existing asset base, replace major components to ensure optimal asset value, allow for capacity increases and perform customer connects. Performance, reliability and maximized uptime of existing generation, transmission and distribution facilities are fundamental to ensuring a safe, continuous and adequate supply of electricity.

SaskPower prioritizes its capital expenditures based on a number of criteria and objectives, including: providing a reliable energy supply to meet forecasted requirements; maintaining system reliability, security and power quality; meeting or exceeding environmental regulations and guidelines; and minimizing the cost of electricity for customers. The capital allocation methodology approaches financing based on three groupings: core sustainment spending; capital spending related to growth and compliance; and strategic and other investments.

### Risks we are facing:

- Infrastructure fails, is unavailable and does not support growth, economic activity or meet customer electricity expectations;
- System reliability is underperforming due to inadequate infrastructure and access to financing, or the effects of severe weather events, natural disasters and man-made events (including cyber and physical attacks) may:
  - threaten or disrupt normal business operations;
  - require significant financial and other resources to maintain reliable service; and
  - impact reliability and damage customer confidence and trust; and
- Low customer density relative to grid infrastructure and growing trends in customer self-generation or customer-owned generation will affect SaskPower supply and infrastructure planning and may result in stranded or abandoned assets still required to service load.

### Steps we are taking:

- Long-term system planning and the preparation of integrated generation, transmission and distribution plans;
- Enhancement to the capital allocation process;
- Implementation of an asset management business model to provide optimal and sustainable management of assets;
- Implementation of risk- and performance-based sustainment capital programs; enhancement of planned maintenance activities; and performance of system condition and health assessments for transmission and distribution assets;
- Establishment of business continuity and emergency plans to address load requirements under a variety of scenarios; and
- Implementation of security requirements based on classification level of new facilities for construction and renovation projects.

## 2. FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY AND CAPABILITY

SaskPower's financial flexibility and capability is challenged by growing capital requirements, increasing debt, and unpredictable rate increases. Key financial drivers include revenues which are impacted by load growth, customer mix and approved rate increases. The cost of fuel is driven by load growth, fuel mix, market conditions and fuel costs. Depreciation and finance charges are impacted by capital expenditures, supply arrangements and the cost of borrowing.

### Risks we are facing:

- Increasing capital requirements and the availability of capital;
- Rising debt levels;
- Changing economics in the utility model, including carbon pricing and low natural gas prices; and
- Impact of slow economic growth in the province resulting from low commodity prices impacting major customers.

### Steps we are taking:

- Enhanced capital allocation methodology, including long-term capital expenditure plans to estimate capital and borrowing requirements;
- Short-term and long-term business planning, including scenario analysis;
- Natural gas exposure management and hedging program; and
- Operational efficiency programs, including ongoing business renewal, process improvement and measurement practices.

## 3. REPUTATION

SaskPower interacts with a variety of stakeholders within the scope of its operations, including the Aboriginal community, customers, business partners, employees, shareholders, governments, regulatory bodies and contractors. Ineffective communication of SaskPower's needs and strategic direction impacts stakeholders and the shareholder perception and response. Positive stakeholder engagement can help SaskPower achieve its objectives and deal with adversity or significant change when it impacts the organization and its stakeholders.

### Risks we are facing:

- Loss of confidence and trust from any stakeholder could affect SaskPower operations and may have a material effect on business operations, planning decisions and financial results; and
- Loss of confidence, trust and/or social licence.

### Steps we are taking:

- Development, implementation and monitoring of communication strategies to meet the needs of respective stakeholders, including strategies for using and managing social media;
- Exploration of partnership opportunities through various policies, including the Aboriginal Procurement Policy; and
- Relationship strengthening through information and consultation processes.

## 4. ENVIRONMENT

Ongoing SaskPower operations and future supply options are impacted by new and emerging environmental regulations, sustainability initiatives and uncertainties. Issues including carbon pricing, climate change mitigation, carbon reduction measures, and clean technology development contribute to the uncertainty. These uncertainties may impact the achievement of SaskPower's business strategies, priorities and operational targets. In addition, adaption to climate change will be a significant factor for SaskPower to consider in planning future facilities.

### Risks we are facing:

- Environmental regulatory changes and heightened regulatory scrutiny may affect generation and/or transmission operations and future supply options;
- Federal, provincial and local government regulations are subject to change. Failure to execute and/or comply with appropriate environmental regulations, standards, work processes and procedures leads to adverse individual, public or corporate consequences including sanctions, fines or orders affecting operations and costs;
- Failure to meet customer expectations related to sustainable supply mix options; and
- Climate change impacts are predicted to influence water availability.

### Steps we are taking:

- SaskPower is in discussions regarding provincial GHG regulations and a federal-provincial equivalency agreement;
- SaskPower has announced a future supply plan target of up to 50% renewables in the supply mix by 2030 and is developing an Integrated Resource Plan to deliver;
- A PCB Action Plan is in place to address compliance and regulatory requirements;
- A climate change modeling project through the Canadian Electricity Association (CEA) and climate change modeling applications are underway; and
- SaskPower will continue to engage with the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency as it develops water use strategies, polices and regulatory instruments.

## 5. SAFETY

SaskPower operations and/or activities impact the safety of employees, contractors, customers and the general public. There are considerable hazards and risks associated with working on high voltage equipment, at heights, with chemicals, and around large machines that are at a high temperature or pressure. SaskPower interacts with customers, contractors and the public, who must be informed of potential safety issues.

### Risks we are facing:

- Failure to execute appropriate work processes and procedures may result in injury or death as well as lead to adverse financial consequences;
- Failure to address shortcomings that may have an adverse impact on SaskPower's safety performance;
- Poor safety performance contributes to lower productivity due to injury, accident investigations, and lower employee engagement; and
- Contact with energized apparatus by the public or an employee can cause personal injury or death, localized system failure, maintenance, potential litigation and reputation risk.

### Steps we are taking:

- An operational safety review training program has been developed and rollout commenced in 2015;
- A Safety Improvement Working Group (SIWG) was convened in 2015 to examine SaskPower's safety performance and the sufficiency of SaskPower's safety program. Corporate Safety has created an action plan to implement SIWG recommendations;
- Extensive policies, procedures, directives and training programs have been established to provide a safe working environment and safe public service; and
- Programs have been designed to raise awareness and increase knowledge for contractors and the general public. Public safety campaigns contribute to the prevention of public safety incidents.

## 6. SECURITY (CYBER AND PHYSICAL)

SaskPower daily business operations rely on information and operational technologies which need to be maintained, supported, protected and secured to enable appropriate authorized access and to ensure reliability, confidentiality, integrity and availability of associated systems and information. Demand for security capabilities will increase because security threats are evolving at an exponentially rapid rate and SaskPower is diversifying and acquiring services that require security innovation, flexibility and adaptability. SaskPower is a target for copper theft and malware.

### Risks we are facing:

- Evolving threats from organized crime, international extremists, intellectual property thieves, environmental militants and insider threats could potentially result in:
  - disruption of system reliability, core business operations and customer services;
  - loss of and/or damage to personnel, information, facilities or equipment;
  - loss of stakeholder and customer confidence and trust; and
  - costs of recovery and restoration; and
- Vulnerabilities in SaskPower facilities or systems may enable attack.

### Steps we are taking:

- Enhancement of security analytics, vulnerability and threat management and data loss prevention through projects designed to address unauthorized access and use of unauthorized software;
- Records and information management activities regarding the appropriate handling of information including physical records and electronic records;
- Working towards compliance of security standards within North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) – Critical Infrastructure Protection;
- Centralization of security services to coordinate security monitoring and response activities; and
- Development of business continuity plans as well as plans to address threats of sabotage and information theft.

## 7. PROJECT DELIVERY

SaskPower has identified the need to invest significant amounts of capital in long-term projects to ensure continuing reliability; maintain, upgrade and expand infrastructure; and meet emerging environmental requirements. SaskPower is in the process of delivering a number of significant projects related to customer connects, service delivery improvement, sustainment and refurbishment of existing infrastructure and development of new supply options. All of these are competing for human resources; financial, operating and capital resources; and Executive awareness.

### Risks we are facing:

- SaskPower may fail to deliver projects or complete projects on materially different terms or timing than initially anticipated which impacts service delivery to the customer and costs to the Corporation;
- Errors in communication, planning and execution may result in poor project perceptions and impact stakeholder trust and confidence; and
- Any failure of major initiatives to transition to operations may result in damage to SaskPower's balance sheet and reputation.

### Steps we are taking:

- SaskPower established a Project Delivery Office and implemented the Transmission Transformation Initiative to improve project delivery, resulting in a centralized and standardized delivery mechanism for major transmission and generation projects;
- SaskPower is reviewing its project risk management practices and standards to identify improvements in risk management, process safety management, strategic procurement, and contract management;
- SaskPower employs professional project specialists for planning, estimating, execution, cost control and commissioning, and risk management plan development to deal with specific contingencies; and
- SaskPower is working to reduce costs and increase efficiency and effectiveness through strategic sourcing of goods and services, improvement of logistics, and improvements in the procurement operating model and processes.

## 8. WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT

SaskPower faces many challenges in attracting and maintaining a safe and productive workforce and in strategically planning for workforce needs. Over the next five to 10 years, a significant number of core SaskPower employees will be eligible for retirement, contributing to a period of challenging transition. Acquiring, developing or maintaining new and critical skills may limit our ability to lead and support ongoing operations.

### Risks we are facing:

- Competently skilled workforce is not available;
- Competition for talent and succession planning for core roles;
- Loss of corporate knowledge, intellectual capacity and experience;
- Effectively integrating workforce planning into the annual business and budget planning process; and
- Unexpected impact in response to change.

### Steps we are taking:

- Implementation of a Five-Year Workforce Plan to ensure current and future sourcing needs are met;
- Introduction of attraction and accreditation initiatives, as well as finding qualified skill sets through the building of strong sourcing relationships with external organizations;
- Participation in collective bargaining agreement negotiations with unions to minimize the potential for labour disruption;
- Introduction of new strategies for engagement, job evaluation, performance review measurement and recognition approaches; and
- Electronic capture of corporate knowledge into process and procedures.

## 9. SUPPLY CHAIN

Disruption in the acquisition and supply of materials, goods and services impacts service delivery of electricity to customers and system reliability by not having goods and services available in sufficient quantities, at appropriate times, and at competitive costs to maintain and support operations. The supplier environment may be impacted by labour costs, recession, exchange rates, commodity prices or global economic shifts. The degree of impact to SaskPower may depend on the size, asset utilization, capitalization and profitability of the supplier.

### Risks we are facing:

- Significant financial costs, project delivery delays, disruption in operations and reputational damage could be experienced as a result of:
  - substandard materials or services;
  - uncertain market conditions affecting availability or products and/or services;
  - natural disasters; and
  - breakdown or bankruptcy of suppliers; and
- Poor quality work or timeliness of supply issues may result if sufficient qualified suppliers do not bid on contracts.

### Steps we are taking:

- Implementation of a contract standardization project to increase efficiency, reduce negotiation time, ensure consistency of approach and facilitate ease of use;
- Enhancement of the procurement operating model and processes to address availability, reliability and competitive cost issues as well as supplier performance and relationship management;
- Addressing strategic and competitive sources, broader engagement and Aboriginal involvement, including internal processes and relationships, through a procurement transformation initiative; and
- Development of an innovation registry to capture ideas from external suppliers and partners.

## 10. FUEL SUPPLY

Having sufficient fuel available when required for generation is essential to our ability to meet electricity demand and supply customers. Threats to demand, security of supply or price stability impact fuel supply, wholesale energy markets or energy supply. SaskPower's primary fuel sources are natural gas, coal and hydro. Taken in combination, these fuel sources form the basis of SaskPower's diversified supply portfolio. SaskPower also has agreements with IPPs to acquire additional supply. Coal contracts are negotiated to address price, security of supply and equipment, and performance items. Natural gas costs are impacted by price volatility, supply availability and market conditions.

### Risks we are facing:

- A disruption in the fuel supply, wholesale energy markets or energy supply could adversely affect SaskPower operations, financial condition or its ability to meet electricity demand and service customers;
- Supply planning risk involves consideration of: the cost to install new generation; the fuel price to operate facilities; regulatory concerns around emissions; load forecast uncertainty; hydro conditions, ownership and resource availability; and
- Weather-related risks, including customer load demand, hydro energy production and wind power output.

### Steps we are taking:

- Enhancement of our hedging policy and program to address security of natural gas supply, market access and price management;
- Relationship maintenance with suppliers and partners as well as networks with others to keep options available for material and fuel supply;
- Preparation of an Integrated Resource Plan defining a diversified and flexible fuel portfolio, including up to 50% renewables by 2030;
- Development of a long-term coal strategy and appointment of a committee to manage long-term coal contracts; and
- Coordination of planned outages with customers and fuel suppliers to minimize impact.

# CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND NOTES

FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2016

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# REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

The consolidated financial statements of Saskatchewan Power Corporation (SaskPower; the Corporation) are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's best judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods. In management's opinion, the consolidated financial statements have been properly prepared within the framework of selected accounting policies summarized in the consolidated financial statements and incorporate, within reasonable limits of materiality, information available up to June 1, 2016. The financial information presented in the Management's Discussion & Analysis (MD&A) and elsewhere in this report is consistent with that in the consolidated financial statements.

Management maintains appropriate systems of internal control which provide reasonable assurance that the Corporation's assets are safeguarded and appropriately accounted for, that financial records are relevant, reliable, and accurate, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization. This system includes corporate-wide policies and procedures, as well as the appropriate delegation of authority and segregation of responsibilities within the organization. An internal audit function independently evaluates the effectiveness of these controls on an ongoing basis and reports its findings to management and the Audit & Finance Committee of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors, through the Audit & Finance Committee, is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibility for financial reporting and internal control. The Audit & Finance Committee consists entirely of outside Directors. At regular meetings, the Committee reviews audit, internal control and financial reporting matters with management, the internal auditors and the external auditors to satisfy itself that each is properly discharging its responsibilities. The financial statements and the Independent Auditor's Report have been reviewed by the Audit & Finance Committee and have been approved by the Board of Directors. The internal and external auditors have full and open access to the Audit & Finance Committee, with and without the presence of management.

The consolidated financial statements have been examined by Deloitte LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and approved by the Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan. The external auditor's responsibility is to express its opinion on whether the consolidated financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

On behalf of management,



**Mike Marsh**  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
June 1, 2016



**Sandeep Kalra**  
Vice-president and Chief Financial Officer

# MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

I, Mike Marsh, President and Chief Executive Officer of Saskatchewan Power Corporation, and I, Sandeep Kalra, Vice-president and Chief Financial Officer of Saskatchewan Power Corporation, certify the following:

- (a) That we have reviewed the consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report of Saskatchewan Power Corporation. Based on our knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report, fairly present, in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows, as of March 31, 2016.
- (b) That based on our knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report of Saskatchewan Power Corporation do not contain any untrue statements of material fact, or omit to state a material fact that is either required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances under which it was made.
- (c) That Saskatchewan Power Corporation is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, which includes safeguarding of assets and compliance with applicable legislative authorities; and Saskatchewan Power Corporation has designed internal controls over financial reporting that are appropriate to the circumstances of Saskatchewan Power Corporation.
- (d) That Saskatchewan Power Corporation conducted its assessment of the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal controls over financial reporting and, based on the results of this assessment, Saskatchewan Power Corporation can provide reasonable assurance that internal controls over financial reporting as of March 31, 2016, were operating effectively and no material weaknesses were found in the design or operation of the internal controls over financial reporting.

On behalf of management,



**Mike Marsh**

President and Chief Executive Officer  
June 1, 2016



**Sandeep Kalra**

Vice-president and Chief Financial Officer

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Saskatchewan Power Corporation, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016, and the consolidated statement of income, consolidated statement of comprehensive loss, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the fifteen months then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

## **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Saskatchewan Power Corporation as at March 31, 2016, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the fifteen months then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.



**Chartered Professional Accountants, Chartered Accountants  
Licensed Professional Accountants**

June 1, 2016

Regina, Saskatchewan

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

(in millions)	Notes	<b>Fifteen Months March 31 2016</b>	<b>Twelve Months December 31 2014</b>
(Note 4)			
<b>Revenue</b>			
Saskatchewan electricity sales		\$ 2,690	\$ 2,043
Exports		9	7
Net costs from electricity trading	5	(2)	(2)
Share of profit from equity accounted investees	18	2	2
Other revenue	6	188	107
		<b>2,887</b>	2,157
<b>Expense</b>			
Fuel and purchased power	7	818	638
Operating, maintenance and administration	8	793	656
Depreciation and amortization	9	571	389
Finance charges	10	463	326
Taxes	11	80	59
Other expenses	12	38	46
		<b>2,763</b>	2,114
<b>Income before the following</b>		<b>124</b>	43
<b>Unrealized market value adjustments</b>	13	<b>(98)</b>	17
<b>Net income</b>		<b>\$ 26</b>	\$ 60

See accompanying notes

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

(in millions)	Notes	<b>Fifteen Months March 31 2016</b>	<b>Twelve Months December 31 2014</b>
<b>Net income</b>			
<b>Other comprehensive loss</b>			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to net income:			
Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges:			
Change in fair value during the period		15	(19)
Realized losses during the period		(46)	(12)
Reclassification to income	10	-	(1)
Items that will not be reclassified to net income:			
Defined benefit pension plans:			
Net actuarial losses	32	(27)	(73)
		<b>(58)</b>	(105)
<b>Total comprehensive loss</b>		<b>\$ (32)</b>	\$ (45)

See accompanying notes

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(in millions)	Notes	March 31 2016	December 31 2014
As at			
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 28	\$ -
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue		409	315
Inventory	14	212	218
Prepaid expenses		16	11
Risk management assets	26	-	7
		<b>665</b>	551
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>	15	<b>9,140</b>	8,548
<b>Intangible assets</b>	16	<b>54</b>	73
<b>Debt retirement funds</b>	17	<b>533</b>	457
<b>Investments accounted for using equity method</b>	18	<b>38</b>	40
<b>Other assets</b>	19	<b>4</b>	5
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>\$ 10,434</b>	\$ 9,674
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Bank indebtedness		\$ -	\$ 2
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		370	532
Accrued interest		52	57
Risk management liabilities	26	157	96
Short-term advances	20	981	890
Current portion of long-term debt	21	105	5
Current portion of finance lease obligations	22	11	8
		<b>1,676</b>	1,590
<b>Long-term debt</b>	21	<b>5,025</b>	4,350
<b>Finance lease obligations</b>	22	<b>1,122</b>	1,130
<b>Employee benefits</b>	32	<b>264</b>	233
<b>Provisions</b>	23	<b>201</b>	193
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>8,288</b>	7,496
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained earnings		1,547	1,521
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	25	(61)	(3)
Equity advances	24	660	660
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>2,146</b>	2,178
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>		<b>\$ 10,434</b>	\$ 9,674

See accompanying notes

On behalf of the Board,

**Robert Pletch**  
Chair

**Leslie Neufeld**  
Director

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

<i>(in millions)</i>	Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)				Equity advances	<b>Total</b>
	Retained earnings	Net gains (losses) on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	Net actuarial gains (losses) on defined benefit pension plans			
<b>Equity</b>						
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 1,461	\$ 47	\$ 55	\$ 660	\$ 2,223	
Net income	60	-	-	-	60	
Other comprehensive loss	-	(32)	(73)	-	(105)	
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 1,521</b>	<b>\$ 15</b>	<b>\$ (18)</b>	<b>\$ 660</b>	<b>\$ 2,178</b>	
Net income	26	-	-	-	26	
Other comprehensive loss	-	(31)	(27)	-	(58)	
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 1,547</b>	<b>\$ (16)</b>	<b>\$ (45)</b>	<b>\$ 660</b>	<b>\$ 2,146</b>	

*See accompanying notes*

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(in millions)	Notes	Fifteen Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31 2014
<b>Operating activities</b>			
<b>Net income</b>		<b>\$ 26</b>	\$ 60
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities</b>			
Depreciation and amortization	9	571	389
Finance charges	10	463	326
Net losses on asset disposals and retirements	12	29	16
Asset impairment losses	12	-	17
Unrealized market value adjustments	13	98	(17)
Employee benefits	32	(7)	(4)
Share of profit from equity accounted investees	18	(2)	(2)
Allowance for obsolescence	14	1	1
Environmental provisions	23	4	4
Environmental expenditures	23	(6)	(9)
		1,177	781
<b>Net change in non-cash working capital</b>	30	<b>(247)</b>	(3)
<b>Interest paid</b>		<b>(521)</b>	(387)
<b>Cash provided by operating activities</b>		<b>409</b>	391
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Property, plant and equipment additions		(1,125)	(1,194)
Intangible assets additions	16	(18)	(23)
Proceeds from sale and disposal of assets		3	1
Costs of removal of assets		(4)	(4)
Distributions from equity accounted investees	18	4	2
<b>Cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(1,140)</b>	(1,218)
<b>Decrease in cash before financing activities</b>		<b>(731)</b>	(827)
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Net proceeds from short-term advances		91	86
Proceeds from long-term debt	21	783	792
Repayments of long-term debt	21	(6)	(4)
Debt retirement fund instalments	17	(56)	(36)
Principal repayment of finance lease obligations		(11)	(6)
Increase in finance lease obligations		6	7
Realized losses on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges		(46)	(12)
<b>Cash provided by financing activities</b>		<b>761</b>	827
<b>Increase in cash</b>		<b>30</b>	-
<b>Bank indebtedness, beginning of period</b>		<b>(2)</b>	(2)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents (bank indebtedness), end of period</b>		<b>\$ 28</b>	\$ (2)

See accompanying notes

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Saskatchewan Power Corporation (SaskPower; the Corporation), a provincially-owned Crown corporation, generates, purchases, transmits, distributes and sells electricity and related products and services. Founded as the Saskatchewan Power Commission in 1929, SaskPower was set up in 1949 and operates primarily under the mandate and authority of The Power Corporation Act (the Act). SaskPower's head office is located at 2025 Victoria Avenue in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, S4P 0S1.

By virtue of *The Crown Corporations Act, 1993*, SaskPower has been designated a subsidiary of Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan (CIC), a provincial Crown corporation. Accordingly, the financial results of the Corporation are included in the consolidated financial statements of CIC. As a provincial Crown corporation, the Corporation is not subject to federal and provincial income taxes.

## 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

### (a) Statement of compliance

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The consolidated financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on June 1, 2016.

### (b) Change of year-end

The Corporation has been directed by the provincial government to change its fiscal year-end to March 31 to coincide with that of the Province of Saskatchewan. Information included in the consolidated financial statements reflects the first complete fiscal period consisting of the fifteen months ending March 31, 2016, as compared to the twelve month period ending December 31, 2014, and as a result the two periods are not entirely comparable.

### (c) Basis of measurement

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following material items in the consolidated statement of financial position:

- Inventory at lower of cost and net realizable value defined in Note 3(b).
- Financial instruments that are accounted for according to the financial instrument categories defined in Note 3(l).
- Provisions discounted at expected future cash flows defined in Note 3(g).
- Employee benefit plans recognized at the fair value of plan assets less the present value of the accrued benefit obligations defined in Note 3(m).

### (d) Functional and presentation currency

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Corporation's functional currency. All financial information presented in Canadian dollars has been rounded to the nearest million.

### (e) Use of estimates and judgments

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates and judgments are further described in the following summary of significant accounting policies and related notes:

#### (i) Electricity sales

Estimation and judgment are used to determine the amount of electricity deliveries not yet billed at period-end. Unbilled revenue is estimated by calculating the daily average revenue for each customer based on the customer's past consumption history multiplied by the number of days between the last billing date and the end of the period [Note 3(h)].

(ii) [Customer contributions](#)

Customer contributions are funds received from certain customers towards the costs of service extensions. In determining when to recognize revenue related to customer contributions, management is required to make judgments in regards to when the related property, plant and equipment is available for use and performance obligations are complete [Notes: 3(h) and 6].

(iii) [Receivables](#)

Management's best estimate is required to determine the amount of receivables that will be uncollectible in a given period. The allowance for doubtful accounts for electricity sales is based on a percentage of accounts outstanding.

(iv) [Inventories](#)

Estimation and judgment are used to determine the appropriate measure of net realizable value, as well as the allowance for inventory obsolescence. Management's best estimate is required to determine the amount of inventories to be written off in a given period [Notes: 3(b) and 14].

(v) [Property, plant and equipment](#)

Estimation and judgment are involved in determining the useful lives, related depreciation and accumulated depreciation of property, plant and equipment. Estimated useful lives are determined based upon manufacturer's guidance on asset life, SaskPower's past experience with similar assets, industry averages, as well as expectations about future events that could impact the life of the asset. Estimated useful lives are reviewed annually to ensure their reasonableness [Notes: 3(c), 3(d), 9 and 15].

Canada has developed regulatory obligations regarding greenhouse gas emissions for coal-fired generation. However, the impact of the regulations on the timing of the retirement of SaskPower's coal facilities is not yet known. Judgment has been used to determine the estimated useful lives and related depreciation for these assets.

(vi) [Provisions](#)

Estimation and judgment are involved in determining the carrying amounts of decommissioning and environmental remediation provisions. The provisions are recorded at the fair value based on the Corporation's best estimate of the future cash expenditures required to settle the obligations, taking into account current environmental regulations. The underlying estimates of future cash flows are required to be made over a long period of time, given the fact that most provisions will not be settled for a number of years [Notes: 3(g) and 23].

(vii) [Leases](#)

In identifying whether the Corporation's power purchase agreements (PPAs) are leases, management must use judgment in assessing whether the fulfillment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset and the arrangement conveys the right to use the asset [Notes: 3(k) and 22].

(viii) [Financial instruments](#)

Determining the fair value of financial instruments and derivatives can require significant estimation regarding components such as future price, volatility and liquidity. Fair values can fluctuate significantly depending on current market conditions. These estimates of fair value may not accurately reflect the amounts that could be realized or settled [Notes: 3(l) and 26].

(ix) [Employee benefits](#)

Employee benefit plans expense and obligations are calculated by an independent actuary based on underlying actuarial assumptions, including discount rates, inflation rates, future pension indexing and life expectancy. These assumptions are determined by management and reviewed annually by the actuary. The calculations are complex, and a change in the estimate of any of the assumptions could have a material effect on the employee benefit plans expense or obligation [Notes: 3(m) and 32].

**(f) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted**

A number of new standards, and amendments to standards and interpretations, are not yet effective for the fifteen months ended March 31, 2016, and have not been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements.

In particular, the Corporation is reviewing the following:

STANDARD	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements	Issued to improve the effectiveness of presentation and disclosure in financial reports, with the objective of reducing immaterial note disclosures.	SaskPower is reviewing the standard to determine the potential impact, if any.	For years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, applied prospectively.
Amendments to IFRS 11, Joint Arrangements	Issued to provide guidance on accounting for the acquisition of an interest in a joint operation.	SaskPower is reviewing the standard to determine the potential impact, if any.	For years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, applied prospectively.
Amendments to IAS 7, Statement of Cash Flows	Issued to require a reconciliation of the opening and closing liabilities that form part of an entity's financing activities, including both changes arising from cash flows and non-cash changes.	SaskPower is reviewing the standard to determine the potential impact, if any.	For years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, applied prospectively.
IFRS 9, Financial Instruments	Issued to provide guidance on the classification, measurement, and disclosure of financial instruments as well as introducing a new hedging model.	SaskPower is reviewing the standard to determine the potential impact, if any.	For years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, applied retrospectively. SaskPower intends to early adopt this standard effective April 1, 2017.
IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers	Issued to provide guidance on the recognition of revenue from contracts with customers, as well as reporting useful information to users of financial statements about the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from a contract with a customer.	SaskPower is reviewing the standard to determine the potential impact, if any.	For years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, applied retrospectively.
IFRS 16, Leases	Issued to provide guidance on the requirement for a lessee to recognize, measure, present and disclose assets and liabilities for the rights and obligations created by leases.	SaskPower is reviewing the standard to determine the potential impact, if any.	For years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, applied retrospectively.

### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Basis of consolidation

##### (i) Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries with all significant inter-company transactions and balances being eliminated.

Separate audited financial statements are prepared annually for its wholly-owned subsidiary: NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc. (NorthPoint). NorthPoint actively trades electricity in markets outside of Saskatchewan. SaskPower International Inc. is also a wholly-owned subsidiary, however, it has no active operations beyond its interests as joint operators of Cory Cogeneration Station and Cory Cogeneration Funding Corporation (CCFC) and its investment in MRM Cogeneration Station, over which it exerts significant influence. As a result, separate audited financial statements are not prepared for SaskPower International.

##### (ii) Associates

Associates are those entities in which the Corporation has significant influence, but not control, over strategic financial and operating decisions. Significant influence is presumed to exist when the Corporation holds between 20% and 50% of the voting power of another entity.

Associates are accounted for using the equity method (equity accounted for investees) and are recognized initially at cost. The consolidated financial statements include the Corporation's share of the total comprehensive income from the date that significant influence or joint control commences until the date that significant influence or joint control ceases (Note 18).

The Corporation has classified the following investment as an associate:

- 30% ownership interest in the MRM Cogeneration Station. The 172-megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired cogeneration facility is located at the Athabasca Oil Sands Project's Muskeg River Mine, north of Fort McMurray, Alberta.

(iii) Joint operations

Joint operations are those entities over whose activities the Corporation has joint control, established by contractual agreement and requiring unanimous consent for strategic financial and operating decisions. They also provide the Corporation with rights to the assets and liabilities related to the arrangement.

The Corporation has classified the following arrangements as joint operations:

- 50% ownership interest in an unincorporated joint venture with ATCO Power Canada Ltd. The joint venture owns and operates a 228-MW natural gas-fired cogeneration plant (Cory Cogeneration Station) near Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The electricity generated by the facility is sold to SaskPower under the terms of a 25-year PPA.
- 50% ownership interest in CCFC. CCFC is a special purpose company established by the Corporation and ATCO Power Canada Ltd. (the Owners) to borrow long-term, non-recourse debt to finance the Cory Cogeneration Station. CCFC acts as agents for the Owners by receiving revenues, disbursing costs (including debt service) and distributing proceeds to the Owners.
- 50% ownership interest in BHP Billiton SaskPower Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Knowledge Centre Inc. This not-for-profit corporation was established on February 26, 2016, to advance the understanding and use of CCS as a means of managing greenhouse gas emissions and to further research projects related thereto as agreed upon by its members from time to time.

The consolidated financial statements include the Corporation's proportionate share of the joint operation assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses.

**(b) Inventory**

Maintenance materials, supplies, natural gas, coal and other fuel inventory are recorded at the lower of weighted average cost and net realizable value. Net realizable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories less all estimated costs necessary to make the sale. Replacement cost is used as management's best estimate of the net realizable value for maintenance materials, supplies, coal and other fuel inventory. Net realizable value for natural gas inventory is determined using the near-month AECO C natural gas market prices as appropriate. Inventories are written down to net realizable value on an item by item basis.

In establishing the appropriate provision for inventory obsolescence, management estimates the likelihood that inventory on hand will become obsolete due to changes in technology. Maintenance materials and supplies are charged to inventory when purchased and expensed or capitalized when used. Natural gas, coal and other fuel inventory are charged to inventory when purchased and expensed as consumed or sold (Note 14).

**(c) Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost or deemed cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes the cost of materials, services and direct labour. Borrowing costs associated with major capital and development projects that are six months or longer in duration are capitalized during the construction period at the weighted average cost of borrowings. Assets under construction are recorded as in progress until they are operational and available for use, at which time they are transferred to property, plant and equipment.

Costs are capitalized provided there is reasonable certainty they will provide benefits into the future. Significant renewals and enhancements to existing assets are capitalized only if the useful life of the asset is increased; physical output, service capacity or quality is improved above original design standards; or operating costs are reduced by a substantial and quantifiable amount that can be reliably measured. The costs of day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment are expensed as incurred (Note 15).

When property, plant and equipment are disposed of or retired, the related costs less accumulated depreciation are de-recognized. The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds less costs of removal and the carrying amount of the asset. The gain or loss on asset disposals and retirements is recognized in profit or loss as other expenses (Note 12).

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognized at the lower of their fair value at the inception of the lease or the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability is recorded as a finance lease obligation (Note 22).

**(d) Depreciation**

Depreciation is recognized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of each component of property, plant and equipment. Depreciation commences when the property, plant and equipment is ready for its intended use. Land is not depreciated.

The estimated useful life of property, plant and equipment is based on manufacturer's guidance, past experience and future expectations regarding the potential for technical obsolescence. Their estimated useful lives are reviewed annually and any changes are applied prospectively.

Following the completion of an internal depreciation study, the estimated useful lives of certain assets were changed. The change in estimate was applied prospectively, effective January 1, 2015, and resulted in approximately a \$9 million increase to depreciation expense for the fifteen months ended March 31, 2016.

The estimated useful lives of the major classes of property, plant and equipment are:

Asset class	Estimated useful lives (years)
Generation	5 – 100
Transmission	3 – 55
Distribution	3 – 40
Other	4 – 60

A one-year increase in the estimated useful life of each of the major classes of property, plant and equipment would result in a \$33 million decrease to depreciation expense annually.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over their expected useful economic lives on the same basis as for owned assets, or where shorter, the lease term (Note 9).

**(e) Intangible assets**

The Corporation's only identifiable intangible asset is software. Software is recorded at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. Software costs include the cost of externally purchased software packages and for internally developed programs, related external and direct labour costs. Maintenance of existing software programs is expensed as incurred (Note 16).

Amortization is calculated on a straight-line basis over five years — the estimated useful life of the Corporation's software programs. The estimated useful life of intangible assets is reviewed annually and any changes are applied prospectively (Note 9).

**(f) Impairment of assets**

At each reporting date, the Corporation evaluates its property, plant and equipment and intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be fully recoverable. Factors which could indicate an impairment exists include significant changes in the Corporation's strategy or underperformance of assets relative to projected future operating results. An impairment is recognized when the carrying amount of an asset or cash generating unit (CGU) exceeds the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value less costs to sell and the present value of the future cash flows to be derived from a CGU. At the reporting date, the Corporation determined that there was no impairment of value to its long-lived assets and therefore no write-down was required.

Impairment losses previously recognized for an asset are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. In no case shall the revised carrying amount exceed the original carrying amount, after depreciation or amortization, that would have been determined if no impairment loss had been recognized. An impairment loss or reversal of an impairment loss is recognized in other expenses (Note 12).

**(g) Provisions**

A provision is recognized if, as a result of a past event, the Corporation has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, the timing or amount of which is uncertain. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. For SaskPower, that rate is considered to be equal to the yield on Government of Saskatchewan bonds

that match the timing of the expected cash flows. The unwinding of the discount on provisions is recognized in profit or loss as a finance expense.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognized as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

(i) Decommissioning

A decommissioning provision is a legal or constructive obligation associated with the decommissioning of a long-lived asset. The Corporation recognizes decommissioning provisions in the period they are incurred if a reasonable estimate of fair value (net present value) can be determined. The Corporation recognizes provisions to decommission coal, natural gas, cogeneration and wind generation facilities in the period in which the facility is commissioned. SaskPower also recognizes provisions for the decommissioning of assets containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in accordance with existing federal regulations.

The fair value of the estimated decommissioning costs is recorded as a provision with an offsetting amount capitalized and included as part of property, plant and equipment. The decommissioning provisions are increased periodically for the passage of time by calculating interest expense. The offsetting capitalized asset retirement costs are depreciated over the estimated useful life of the related asset.

The calculations of fair value are based on detailed studies that take into account various assumptions regarding the anticipated future cash flows including the method and timing of decommissioning and estimates of future inflation. Decommissioning provisions are periodically reviewed and any changes in the estimated timing and amount of future cash flows, as well as changes in the discount rate, are recognized as an increase or decrease in the carrying amount of the obligation and the related asset. If the asset value is fully depreciated, the changes are recognized in profit or loss as other expenses (Notes: 12 and 23).

(ii) Environmental remediation

A provision for environmental remediation is accrued when the occurrence of an environmental expenditure, related to present or past activities of the Corporation, is considered probable and the costs of remedial activities can be reasonably estimated. The fair value of the estimated costs for investigations and remediation at identified sites is recorded as a provision in profit or loss as other expenses. These provisions are based on management's best estimate considering current environmental laws and regulations and are recorded at fair value. The Corporation reviews its estimates of future environmental expenditures on an ongoing basis. Changes in the estimated timing and amount of future cash flows are recognized in profit or loss as other expenses (Notes: 12 and 23).

**(h) Revenue recognition**

Revenue represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business. Revenue is recognized when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the Corporation and these benefits can be measured reliably.

(i) Electricity

Electricity pricing in Saskatchewan is subject to review by the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel with final approval by provincial cabinet. Saskatchewan electricity sales and exports are recognized upon delivery to the customer and include an estimate of electricity deliveries not yet billed at period-end. The estimated unbilled revenue is based on several factors, including estimated consumption by customer, applicable customer rates and the number of days between the last billing date and the end of the period.

Electricity trading revenues are reported on a net basis upon delivery of electricity to the customers and receipt of electricity purchased from external parties. Electricity trading contracts are recorded at fair value (Notes: 5 and 26).

(ii) Customer contributions

Customer contributions are funds received from certain customers toward the costs of service extensions. These contributions are generally recognized immediately in profit or loss as other revenue when the related property, plant and equipment is available for use and the Corporation's performance obligations are completed (Note 6).

(iii) Other

Wind power incentives received from the Government of Canada for electricity generated from the Centennial and Cypress Wind Power Facilities are recognized as other revenue upon delivery of the electricity into the SaskPower grid. Other revenue also includes gas and electrical inspections, fly ash and carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) sales which are recorded upon delivery of the related good or service (Note 6).

**(i) Finance charges**

Finance expense is comprised of interest expense on short-term and long-term borrowings, interest on provisions, interest on employee benefit plans and finance costs related to leased assets. Interest expense is recognized in profit or loss, using the effective interest method. Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset form part of the cost of that asset. All other borrowing costs are recognized as a finance expense as the costs accrue (Note 10).

Finance income is comprised of earnings on debt retirement funds. Finance income is recognized in profit or loss as earned (Note 10).

**(j) Foreign currency translation**

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated to Canadian dollars using the rate of exchange in effect at the reporting date. Revenues and expenses are translated at the rate prevailing at the transaction date. Foreign currency translation gains and losses are included in other expenses in the period in which they arise (Note 12).

**(k) Leases**

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risk and rewards of ownership to the lessee. The Corporation has assessed its arrangements to determine whether they contain a lease. Certain take-or-pay PPAs, which in management's judgment give SaskPower the exclusive right to use specific production assets, meet the definition of a lease. These arrangements have been classified as finance leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognized at the lower of their fair value at the inception of the lease or the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability is recorded as a finance lease obligation. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and interest so as to achieve a constant rate on the finance balance outstanding. The interest component is included in finance expense.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over their expected useful economic lives on the same basis as for owned assets, or where shorter, the lease term.

All other transactions in which SaskPower is the lessee are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are expensed over the term of the lease (Notes: 15 and 22).

**(l) Financial instruments**

**(i) Classification and measurement**

SaskPower classifies its financial instruments into one of the following categories: financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss; loans and receivables; and other liabilities (Note 26). All financial instruments are measured at fair value on initial recognition and recorded on the consolidated statement of financial position. Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported on the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial instruments classified as fair value through profit or loss are expensed as incurred. Measurement in subsequent periods depends on the classification of the financial instrument.

Financial instruments classified as fair value through profit or loss are subsequently measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in the consolidated statement of income in unrealized market value adjustments. Financial instruments classified as loans and receivables and other liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Derivative financial instruments, including natural gas and electricity contracts, are recognized as a financial asset or a financial liability on the trade date. All derivative financial instruments are classified as fair value through profit or loss and recorded at fair value on the consolidated statement of financial position as risk management assets and liabilities. Subsequent changes in fair value of these derivative financial instruments, with the exception of the effective portion of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges, are recognized in the consolidated statement of income in unrealized market value adjustments.

The terms and conditions of certain derivative financial instrument contracts require SaskPower to provide collateral when the fair value of the obligation pursuant to these contracts is in excess of exposure limits granted.

When posted, these collateral amounts are recognized as margin deposits on derivative financial instruments and are included with accounts receivable on the statement of financial position.

Certain commodity contracts for the physical purchase of natural gas qualify as own-use contracts. SaskPower entered into these contracts for the purpose of physical receipt of the natural gas in accordance with its own expected usage requirements for the generation of electricity. As such, these non-financial derivative contracts are not recorded at fair value on the consolidated statement of financial position; rather, the contracts are accounted for as a purchase at the time of delivery.

(ii) Hedges

In order to qualify for hedge accounting, the Corporation designates derivatives as hedges through formal documentation of all relationships between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge transaction. This process includes linking derivatives to specific assets and liabilities or to specific firm commitments or forecast transactions. The Corporation formally assesses both at the hedge's inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivatives used are highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of the hedged item and the timing of the cash flows is similar.

The Corporation enters into bond forward agreements to hedge exposures to anticipated changes in interest rates on forecasted issuances of debt (Note 26). The Corporation chooses to designate these contracts as cash flow hedges. As such, the effective portion of the changes in fair value related to the derivative financial instruments are recognized in other comprehensive income, with the fair value being recognized as risk management assets and liabilities on the consolidated statement of financial position. Ineffective portions of hedges are recorded in profit or loss immediately. When the derivatives expire upon the issuance of debt, the resulting gain or loss recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) is amortized to profit or loss over the term of the debt. If no debt is issued, the gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss immediately.

(iii) Embedded derivatives

As at March 31, 2016, the Corporation does not have any outstanding contracts or financial instruments with embedded derivatives that are required to be valued separately.

(iv) Fair value

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the principal or most advantageous market at the measurement date. SaskPower's own credit risk and the credit risk of the counterparty have been taken into account in determining the fair value of financial assets and liabilities, including derivative instruments. The Corporation has classified the fair value of its financial instruments as level 1, 2, or 3 (Note 26) as defined below:

Level 1 – Fair values are determined using inputs that are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities to which the Corporation has immediate access.

Level 2 – Fair values are determined using inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. The debt retirement funds are valued by the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance using information provided by investment dealers. To the extent possible, valuations reflect indicative secondary pricing for these securities. In all other circumstances, valuations are determined with reference to similar actively traded instruments. The fair value of long-term debt is determined by the present value of future cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest for the same or similar debt instruments.

Natural gas fixed price swap contract values are calculated using internal discounted cash flow models that rely on forward AECO C natural gas pricing provided by independent reference dealers. The contracted cash flows are discounted using observable yield curves.

Electricity contract fair values are determined using independent pricing information from external market providers.

Bond forward agreement fair values are determined using internal discounted cash flow models that rely on forward Government of Canada bond yields provided by independent reference dealers. The contracted cash flows are discounted using observable yield curves.

Level 3 – Fair values are determined based on inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data. The finance lease obligations are valued using internal cash flow models based on contracted pricing in the Corporation's PPAs. The contracted cash flows are discounted using the Government of Saskatchewan bond yields adjusted for a negotiated risk premium.

### (m) Employee benefits

The Corporation has a defined contribution pension plan, defined benefit pension plans, and other benefit plans that provide retirement benefits for its employees.

#### (i) Defined contribution pension plan

A defined contribution pension plan is a post-employment benefit under which SaskPower pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to the defined contribution pension plan are recognized in operating, maintenance and administration (OM&A) expense in the period during which services are rendered by employees (Note 32).

#### (ii) Defined benefit pension plans

A defined benefit pension plan is a post-employment benefit plan other than a defined contribution pension plan. The Corporation's net obligation in respect of defined benefit pension plans is calculated separately for each plan by estimating the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for service in the current and prior periods. The obligation is discounted to determine its present value. The discount rate is the yield at the reporting date on high quality bonds that match the timing of expected benefit payments. The fair value of plan assets is deducted from the present value of the defined benefit obligation to determine the plan surplus or deficit. The calculation is performed by a qualified actuary using the projected unit credit method. When the calculation results in a benefit to the Corporation, the recognized asset is limited to the lower of the plan surplus and the present value of economic benefits available in the form of any future refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan. An economic benefit is available to the Corporation if it is realizable during the life of the plan, or on settlement of the plan liabilities.

Current service costs are recognized in profit or loss as OM&A expense. Interest expense (income) is calculated by applying the discount rate to the net accrued benefit obligation and recognized as finance charges. When the benefits of a plan are improved, the portion of the increased benefit relating to past service by employees is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

The Corporation recognizes all actuarial gains and losses arising from defined benefit plans directly in other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise (Note 32).

#### (iii) Other benefit plans

The Corporation provides a supplementary superannuation plan for certain management employees who elect to forego their entitlement to banked days off. SaskPower's current period expense is limited to yearly notional contributions to the plan based upon the employee's salary and an amount allocated for interest on the employee's plan balance.

The Corporation also provides lifetime superannuation allowances and bridge allowances to employees who chose to retire under various early retirement options. The cost of these benefits is actuarially determined by calculating the present value of all future benefit entitlements (Note 32).

## 4. PRIOR PERIOD RECLASSIFICATIONS

In prior periods, the Company recorded inventory variance costs related to inventory adjustments in OM&A expense. A review of the classification of these expenses indicated that the components were better recorded in other expenses along with gains/losses on asset disposals and retirements. As a result, the affected financial statement line items for the prior periods have been adjusted, as follows:

(in millions)	Twelve Months December 31, 2014	
	Increase (decrease)	
<b>Consolidated Statement of Income</b>		
Operating, maintenance and administration	\$	(7)
Other expenses		7
<b>Adjustment to net income</b>	\$	-

## 5. NET COSTS FROM ELECTRICITY TRADING

(in millions)	<b>Fifteen Months March 31 2016</b>	<b>Twelve Months December 31 2014</b>
Electricity trading revenue	\$ 7	\$ 11
Electricity trading costs	(9)	(13)
	<b>\$ (2)</b>	<b>\$ (2)</b>

## 6. OTHER REVENUE

(in millions)	<b>Fifteen Months March 31 2016</b>	<b>Twelve Months December 31 2014</b>
Customer contributions	\$ 101	\$ 47
Gas and electrical inspections	25	22
Carbon capture test facility rental fees	13	-
Fly ash sales	8	7
CO <sub>2</sub> sales	7	3
Wind power production incentives	6	5
Joint use charge	6	5
Custom work	5	4
Miscellaneous revenue	17	14
	<b>\$ 188</b>	<b>\$ 107</b>

## 7. FUEL AND PURCHASED POWER

(in millions)	<b>Fifteen Months March 31 2016</b>	<b>Twelve Months December 31 2014</b>
Gas	\$ 363	\$ 287
Coal	354	247
Imports	35	39
Hydro	22	23
Wind	21	11
Other	23	31
	<b>\$ 818</b>	<b>\$ 638</b>

Gas costs include the fuel charges associated with the electricity generated from SaskPower-owned gas-fired facilities and the cost of fuel related to gas-fired PPA facilities. Imports represent electricity purchased from suppliers that produce power outside Saskatchewan. Wind and other includes the cost of electricity obtained through wind PPA facilities, green option partners, small IPPs, and the cost of demand response programs.

## 8. OPERATING, MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

(in millions)	Notes	Fifteen Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31 2014
Salaries and benefits		\$ 386	\$ 316
Employee long-term benefits	32	35	26
External services		248	214
Materials and supplies		39	30
Other		85	70
		\$ 793	\$ 656

## 9. DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION

(in millions)	Notes	Fifteen Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31 2014
Depreciation expense	15	\$ 536	\$ 363
Amortization of intangible assets	16	35	26
		\$ 571	\$ 389

## 10. FINANCE CHARGES

(in millions)	Notes	Fifteen Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31 2014
<b>Finance expense</b>			
Interest on long-term debt		\$ 300	\$ 218
Interest on finance leases		208	165
Interest on short-term advances		7	7
Net interest on employee benefit plans	32	11	11
Interest on provisions	23	6	6
Other interest and charges		1	1
		533	408
Less: interest capitalized		(35)	(62)
amortization of debt premiums net of discounts	21	(2)	(1)
amortization of bond forward agreements net gains		-	(1)
		496	344
<b>Finance income</b>			
Debt retirement fund earnings	17	(33)	(18)
		(33)	(18)
		\$ 463	\$ 326

## 11. TAXES

(in millions)	<b>Fifteen Months March 31 2016</b>	<b>Twelve Months December 31 2014</b>
Saskatchewan corporate capital tax	\$ 49	\$ 35
Grants-in-lieu of taxes to 13 cities	31	24
	<b>\$ 80</b>	<b>\$ 59</b>

## 12. OTHER EXPENSES

(in millions)	<b>Fifteen Months March 31 2016</b>	<b>Twelve Months December 31 2014</b>
Net losses on asset disposals and retirements	\$ 29	\$ 16
Environmental costs	8	7
Inventory variance adjustments	3	7
Asset impairment losses	-	17
Foreign exchange gains	(2)	(1)
	<b>\$ 38</b>	<b>\$ 46</b>

## 13. UNREALIZED MARKET VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

(in millions)	Notes	<b>Fifteen Months March 31 2016</b>	<b>Twelve Months December 31 2014</b>
Natural gas contracts losses	26	\$ (79)	\$ (15)
Natural gas inventory revaluation	14	(2)	(2)
Electricity contracts losses	26	(4)	(1)
Debt retirement funds (losses) gains	17	(13)	35
		<b>\$ (98)</b>	<b>\$ 17</b>

## 14. INVENTORY

(in millions)	March 31 2016	December 31 2014
Maintenance materials and supplies	\$ 209	\$ 202
Allowance for obsolescence	(12)	(11)
	197	191
Coal	10	12
Natural gas	8	15
Other fuel	1	2
	216	220
Unrealized natural gas market revaluation	(4)	(2)
	\$ 212	\$ 218

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31 2014
Inventory consumed during the period:		
Maintenance materials and supplies	\$ 256	\$ 179
Coal	241	176
Natural gas	176	144
Other fuel	3	2
	\$ 676	\$ 501

(in millions)	Allowance for obsolescence
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 10
Provision for obsolete inventory	6
Inventory disposals/write-downs	(5)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 11</b>
Provision for obsolete inventory	3
Inventory disposals/write-downs	(2)
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 12</b>

## 15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

(in millions)	Generation		Leased assets		Transmission	Distribution		Other	Construction in progress	Total
<b>Cost or deemed cost</b>										
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 4,334	\$ 1,233	\$ 1,146	\$ 3,074	\$ 620	\$ 1,665				\$ 12,072
Additions	1,356	-	174	264	132	1,279				3,205
Disposals and/or retirements	(81)	-	(4)	(19)	(30)	-				(134)
Impairment losses	-	-	-	(19)	-	-				(19)
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	(1,891)				(1,891)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 5,609</b>	<b>\$ 1,233</b>	<b>\$ 1,316</b>	<b>\$ 3,300</b>	<b>\$ 722</b>	<b>\$ 1,053</b>				<b>\$ 13,233</b>
Additions	785	-	586	317	86	1,178				2,952
Disposals and/or retirements	(38)	-	(13)	(28)	(39)	-				(118)
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	(1,788)				(1,788)
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 6,356</b>	<b>\$ 1,233</b>	<b>\$ 1,889</b>	<b>\$ 3,589</b>	<b>\$ 769</b>	<b>\$ 443</b>				<b>\$ 14,279</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>										
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 2,219	\$ 223	\$ 464	\$ 1,266	\$ 259	\$ -				\$ 4,431
Depreciation expense	143	56	28	96	40	-				363
Disposals and/or retirements	(75)	-	(3)	(15)	(14)	-				(107)
Impairment losses	-	-	-	(2)	-	-				(2)
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-				-
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 2,287</b>	<b>\$ 279</b>	<b>\$ 489</b>	<b>\$ 1,345</b>	<b>\$ 285</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				<b>\$ 4,685</b>
Depreciation expense	238	71	46	127	54	-				536
Disposals and/or retirements	(33)	-	(4)	(23)	(22)	-				(82)
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-				-
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 2,492</b>	<b>\$ 350</b>	<b>\$ 531</b>	<b>\$ 1,449</b>	<b>\$ 317</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				<b>\$ 5,139</b>
<b>Net book value</b>										
<b>Balance, January 1, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 2,115</b>	<b>\$ 1,010</b>	<b>\$ 682</b>	<b>\$ 1,808</b>	<b>\$ 361</b>	<b>\$ 1,665</b>				<b>\$ 7,641</b>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 3,322</b>	<b>\$ 954</b>	<b>\$ 827</b>	<b>\$ 1,955</b>	<b>\$ 437</b>	<b>\$ 1,053</b>				<b>\$ 8,548</b>
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 3,864</b>	<b>\$ 883</b>	<b>\$ 1,358</b>	<b>\$ 2,140</b>	<b>\$ 452</b>	<b>\$ 443</b>				<b>\$ 9,140</b>

During the fifteen months ended March 31, 2016, \$35 million (twelve months ended December 31, 2014 – \$62 million) of interest costs were capitalized at the weighted average cost of borrowings rate of 4.70% (2014 – 5.00%).

## 16. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

<i>(in millions)</i>	<b>Software</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 233
Additions	23
Disposals and/or retirements	(17)
Transfers	-
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 239</b>
Additions	18
Disposals and/or retirements	(12)
Transfers	-
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 245</b>
<b>Accumulated amortization</b>	
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 157
Amortization expense	26
Disposals and/or retirements	(17)
Transfers	-
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 166</b>
Amortization expense	35
Disposals and/or retirements	(10)
Transfers	-
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 191</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>Balance, January 1, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 76</b>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 73</b>
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 54</b>

## 17. DEBT RETIREMENT FUNDS

<i>(in millions)</i>	
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 368
Debt retirement fund instalments	36
Debt retirement fund redemptions	-
Debt retirement fund earnings	18
Debt retirement fund market value gains (losses)	35
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 457</b>
Debt retirement fund instalments	56
Debt retirement fund redemptions	-
Debt retirement fund earnings	33
Debt retirement fund market value gains (losses)	(13)
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 533</b>

Under conditions attached to certain advances from the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue Fund, the Corporation is required to pay annually into debt retirement funds administered by the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance, amounts at least equal to 1% of certain debt outstanding. As at March 31, 2016, scheduled debt retirement fund instalments for the next five years are as follows:

(in millions)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Debt retirement fund instalments	\$ 49	\$ 49	\$ 49	\$ 49	\$ 49

## 18. INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING EQUITY METHOD

(in millions)	MRM
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 40
Profit (loss)	2
Distributions	(2)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 40</b>
Profit (loss)	2
Distributions	(4)
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 38</b>

### MRM Cogeneration Station (MRM)

The Corporation has a 30% ownership interest in the MRM Cogeneration Station. The 172-MW natural gas-fired cogeneration facility is located at the Athabasca Oil Sands Project's Muskeg River Mine, north of Fort McMurray, Alberta.

The Corporation's interest in MRM is summarized below:

(in millions)	March 31 2016	December 31 2014
<b>Statement of financial position</b>		
Current assets	\$ 24	\$ 20
Non-current assets	190	186
Current liabilities	(27)	(20)
Non-current liabilities	(60)	(54)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$ 127</b>	\$ 132
<b>SaskPower's 30% investment share</b>	<b>\$ 38</b>	\$ 40

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31 2014
<b>Statement of income</b>		
Revenue	\$ 48	\$ 38
Expense	(42)	(31)
<b>Profit (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 6</b>	\$ 7
<b>SaskPower's 30% investment share</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	\$ 2

## 19. OTHER ASSETS

(in millions)	<b>March 31 2016</b>	December 31 2014
Long-term coal supply agreements	\$ -	\$ 1
Investment	2	2
Other long-term receivables	2	2
	<b>\$ 4</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>

### Long-term coal supply agreements

This included prepaid amounts made in accordance with long-term coal supply agreements. The prepaid amount was amortized on a straight-line basis over the period of benefit.

### Investment

This represents an investment in the Master Asset Vehicle II (MAVII) instrument. The investment is recorded at its estimated fair value at March 31, 2016 (Note 26).

## 20. SHORT-TERM ADVANCES

(in millions)	<b>March 31 2016</b>	December 31 2014
Short-term advances	\$ 981	\$ 890

The short-term advances are due to the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue Fund. As at March 31, 2016, the advances have interest rates ranging from 0.548% to 0.672% and mature between April 1 and July 22, 2016. As at December 31, 2014, the advances had interest rates ranging from 0.997% to 1.000% and matured between January 2 and April 14, 2015.

## 21. LONG-TERM DEBT

(in millions)	
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 3,568
Long-term debt issues	792
Long-term debt repayments	(4)
Amortization of debt premiums net of discounts	(1)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 4,355</b>
Long-term debt issues	783
Long-term debt repayments	(6)
Amortization of debt premiums net of discounts	(2)
	\$ 5,130
Less: current portion of long-term debt	(105)
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 5,025</b>

Long-term debt is comprised of recourse debt — advances from the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue Fund — and non-recourse debt which is used to finance the Cory Cogeneration Station. Under the terms of the non-recourse debt, lenders have recourse limited to the station's assets.

**Recourse debt – advances from the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue Fund (in millions):**

<b>Date of issue</b>	<b>Date of maturity</b>	<b>Effective interest rate (%)</b>	<b>Coupon rate (%)</b>	<b>Par value</b>	<b>Unamortized premiums (discounts)</b>		<b>Outstanding amount</b>
					<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	
December 12, 2013	December 12, 2016	Floating	CDOR <sup>1</sup>	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	
May 27, 2014	June 5, 2017	Floating	CDOR <sup>1</sup>	100	-	100	
December 20, 1990	December 15, 2020	11.23	9.97	129	-	129	
February 4, 1992	February 4, 2022	9.27	9.60	240	4	244	
July 21, 1992	July 15, 2022	10.06	8.94	256	(1)	255	
May 30, 1995	May 30, 2025	8.82	8.75	100	-	100	
August 8, 2001	September 5, 2031	6.49	6.40	200	(2)	198	
January 15, 2003	September 5, 2031	5.91	6.40	100	5	105	
May 12, 2003	September 5, 2033	5.90	5.80	100	(1)	99	
January 14, 2004	September 5, 2033	5.68	5.80	200	3	203	
October 5, 2004	September 5, 2035	5.50	5.60	200	2	202	
February 15, 2005	March 5, 2037	5.09	5.00	150	(2)	148	
May 6, 2005	March 5, 2037	5.07	5.00	150	(1)	149	
February 24, 2006	March 5, 2037	4.71	5.00	100	4	104	
March 6, 2007	June 1, 2040	4.49	4.75	100	4	104	
April 2, 2008	June 1, 2040	4.67	4.75	250	3	253	
December 19, 2008	June 1, 2040	4.71	4.71	100	-	100	
September 8, 2010	June 1, 2040	4.27	4.75	200	14	214	
November 7, 2012	February 3, 2042	3.22	3.40	200	6	206	
February 20, 2013	February 3, 2042	3.54	3.40	200	(5)	195	
October 2, 2013	June 2, 2045	3.97	3.90	400	(5)	395	
January 10, 2014	June 2, 2045	3.95	3.90	200	(2)	198	
October 2, 2014	June 2, 2045	3.43	3.90	200	18	218	
February 5, 2015	June 2, 2045	2.73	3.90	200	48	248	
May 26, 2015	December 2, 2046	3.15	2.75	200	(16)	184	
October 15, 2015	December 2, 2046	3.43	2.75	200	(26)	174	
January 19, 2016	December 2, 2046	3.34	2.75	200	(23)	177	
March 6, 2014	March 5, 2054	3.76	3.75	100	-	100	
May 2, 2014	March 5, 2054	3.71	3.75	175	1	176	
				<b>\$ 5,050</b>	<b>\$ 28</b>	<b>\$ 5,078</b>	

1. The coupon rate for this floating rate note is the 3-month Canadian Dealer Offer Rate (CDOR) less a margin payable quarterly.

There are no debt retirement fund requirements for this debt issuance.

**Non-recourse debt (in millions):**

<b>Date of issue</b>	<b>Date of maturity</b>	<b>Effective interest rate (%)</b>	<b>Coupon rate (%)</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Unamortized premiums (discounts)</b>		<b>Outstanding amount</b>
					<b>\$</b>	<b>(1)</b>	
April 26, 2001	June 30, 2016, to December 31, 2025	7.87	7.59	\$ 28	\$ (1)	\$ 27	
April 26, 2001	June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2026	7.88	7.60	25	-	25	
				<b>\$ 53</b>	<b>\$ (1)</b>	<b>\$ 52</b>	

As at March 31, 2016, scheduled principal debt retirement requirements for the next five years are as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
Recourse debt	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129
Non-recourse debt	5	5	5	5	5
	<b>\$ 105</b>	<b>\$ 105</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>	<b>\$ 134</b>

Under conditions attached to certain advances from the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue Fund, the Corporation is required to pay annually into debt retirement funds administered by the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance, amounts at least equal to 1% of certain debt outstanding (Note 17).

## 22.FINANCE LEASE OBLIGATIONS

(in millions)	March 31 2016	December 31 2014
Total future minimum lease payments	\$ 3,155	\$ 3,367
Less: future finance charges on finance leases	(2,022)	(2,229)
Present value of finance lease obligations	\$ 1,133	\$ 1,138
Less: current portion of finance lease obligations	(11)	(8)
	\$ 1,122	\$ 1,130

As at March 31, 2016, scheduled future minimum lease payments and the present value of finance lease obligations are as follows:

(in millions)	1 year	1 - 5 years	More than 5 years
Future minimum lease payments	\$ 172	\$ 724	\$ 2,259
Present value of finance lease obligations	11	88	1,034

## 23.PROVISIONS

(in millions)	Decommissioning	Environmental remediation	Total
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 116	\$ 42	\$ 158
Charged to income:			
New obligations	-	2	2
Change in discount rate	2	-	2
Interest	5	1	6
Capitalized to property, plant and equipment:			
New obligations	3	-	3
Change in discount rate	31	-	31
Settled during the period	(7)	(2)	(9)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>	<b>\$ 43</b>	<b>\$ 193</b>
Charged to income:			
New obligations	4	-	4
Change in discount rate	-	-	-
Interest	6	-	6
Capitalized to property, plant and equipment:			
New obligations	4	-	4
Change in discount rate	-	-	-
Settled during the period	(5)	(1)	(6)
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 159</b>	<b>\$ 42</b>	<b>\$ 201</b>

## Assumptions

	March 31 2016	December 31 2014
Discount rate, end of period	<b>1.46 - 3.22%</b>	2.06 - 3.19%
Long-term inflation rate	<b>2.00%</b>	2.00%
Undiscounted cash flows (in millions)	<b>\$ 435</b>	\$ 418

Discount rates based on the Government of Saskatchewan bond yields were used to calculate the carrying values of the provisions. The costs of the decommissioning provisions will be incurred between 2016 and 2068. No funds have been set aside by the Corporation to settle the decommissioning provisions.

## Sensitivity of assumptions

Sensitivity of provisions to changes in the discount and inflation rates on the recorded liability as at March 31, 2016, is as follows:

(in millions)	<b>Decommissioning provisions</b>	
	0.5% increase	0.5% decrease
Discount rate	\$ (21)	\$ 25
Inflation rate	26	(22)

## 24. EQUITY ADVANCES

The Corporation does not have share capital. However, the Corporation has received advances from CIC to form its equity capitalization. The advances reflect an equity investment in the Corporation by CIC.

## 25. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

(in millions)	March 31 2016	December 31 2014
Realized (losses) gains on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	\$ (12)	\$ 34
Unrealized losses on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	(4)	(19)
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension plans	(45)	(18)
	<b>\$ (61)</b>	<b>\$ (3)</b>

## 26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(in millions)			March 31, 2016				December 31, 2014		
			Asset (liability)		Asset (liability)				
	Classification <sup>4</sup>	Level <sup>5</sup>	Carrying amount	Fair value		Carrying amount	Fair value		
<b>Financial assets</b>									
Cash and cash equivalents	FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	1	\$ 28	\$ 28		\$ -	\$ -		
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue	L&R <sup>2</sup>	N/A	409	409		315	315		
Debt retirement funds	FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	2	533	533		457	457		
Other assets – investment	FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	3	2	2		2	2		
<b>Financial liabilities</b>									
Bank indebtedness	FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	1	\$ -	\$ -		\$ (2)	\$ (2)		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	OL <sup>3</sup>	N/A	(370)	(370)		(532)	(532)		
Accrued interest	OL <sup>3</sup>	N/A	(52)	(52)		(57)	(57)		
Short-term advances	OL <sup>3</sup>	N/A	(981)	(981)		(890)	(890)		
Long-term debt	OL <sup>3</sup>	2	(5,130)	(6,169)		(4,355)	(5,470)		
Finance lease obligations	OL <sup>3</sup>	3	(1,133)	(1,274)		(1,138)	(1,274)		

1. FVTPL – fair value through profit or loss.

2. L&R – loans and receivables.

3. OL – other liabilities.

4. The Corporation has not classified any of its financial instruments as held-to-maturity.

5. Fair values are determined using a fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability.

Level 3 – Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

Not applicable (N/A) – Financial instruments — including accounts receivable and unbilled revenue; accounts payable and accrued liabilities; accrued interest and short-term advances — are carried at values which approximate fair value.

There were no items transferred between levels.

### Level 3 investment continuity

(in millions)		
Balance, January 1, 2014		\$ 2
Gains (losses) recognized in profit (loss)		-
Gains (losses) recognized in other comprehensive income (loss)		-
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>		<b>\$ 2</b>
Gains (losses) recognized in profit (loss)		-
Gains (losses) recognized in other comprehensive income (loss)		-
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 2</b>

## Risk management assets and liabilities

(in millions)		Classification	Level <sup>2</sup>	Asset	(Liability)	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2014
<b>Natural gas contracts</b>							
Fixed price swap instruments <sup>3</sup>		FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	2	\$ -	\$ (153)	\$ -	\$ (77)
Forward agreements		FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	2	-	-	3	-
<b>Electricity contracts</b>							
Contracts for differences		FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	2	-	-	-	-
Forward agreements		FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	2	-	-	4	-
<b>Interest rate risk management</b>							
Bond forward agreements <sup>4</sup>		FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	2	-	(4)	-	(19)
				\$ -	\$ (157)	\$ 7	\$ (96)

1. FVTPL – fair value through profit or loss.

2. Fair values are determined using a fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability.

Level 3 – Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

- The terms and conditions of certain derivative financial instrument contracts require SaskPower to provide collateral when the fair value of the obligation pursuant to these contracts is in excess of exposure limits granted. As at March 31, 2016, the Corporation has posted \$132 million in collateral which is recognized as margin deposits on derivative financial instruments and included with accounts receivable on the statement of financial position.
- These bond forward agreements have been designated as cash flow hedges. As such, the effective portion of the changes in fair value related to the derivative financial instruments are recognized in other comprehensive income (loss).

## Cash flow hedges

The Corporation uses bond forward agreements to hedge exposures to anticipated changes in interest rates on forecasted issuances of debt. As at March 31, 2016, the Corporation had outstanding bond forward agreements with fixed interest rates ranging from 2.14% to 2.16% as follows:

(in millions)	March 31, 2016			December 31, 2014		
	Maturity	Notional principal amount	Fair value	Maturity	Notional principal amount	Fair value
<b>Interest rate risk management</b>						
Bond forward agreements	October 2016	\$ 114	\$ (4)	February 2015	\$ 129	\$ (12)
				June 2015	84	(5)
				October 2015	122	(2)
		\$ 114	\$ (4)		\$ 335	\$ (19)

## 27. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

### Market risk

By virtue of its operations, the Corporation is exposed to changes in commodity prices, interest rates and foreign exchange rates. SaskPower may utilize derivative financial instruments to manage these exposures. The Corporation mitigates risk associated with derivative financial instruments through Board-approved policies, limits on use and amount of exposure, internal monitoring and compliance reporting to senior management and the Board.

#### (a) Commodity prices

##### Natural gas contracts

The Corporation is exposed to natural gas price risk through natural gas purchased for its natural gas-fired power plants and through certain PPAs that have a cost component based on the market price of natural gas. As at March 31, 2016, the Corporation had entered into financial and physical natural gas contracts to price manage approximately 74% of its budgeted natural gas purchases for 2016-17, 65% for 2017-18, 56% for 2018-19, 50% for 2019-20, 29% for 2020-21, 26% for 2021-22, 20% for 2022-23, 14% for 2023-24, 9% for 2024-25, and 3% for 2025-26.

Based on the Corporation's March 31, 2016, closing positions on its financial natural gas hedges, a one dollar per gigajoule (GJ) increase in the price of natural gas would have resulted in a \$114 million improvement in the unrealized market value adjustments recognized in profit or loss for the period. This sensitivity analysis does not represent the underlying exposure to changes in the price of natural gas on the remaining forecasted natural gas purchases which are unhedged as at March 31, 2016.

##### Electricity trading contracts

The Corporation is also exposed to electricity price risk on its electricity trading activities. Electricity trading risks are managed through limits on the size and duration of transactions and open positions, including Value at Risk (VaR) limits. VaR is a commonly used metric employed to track and manage the market risk associated with trading positions. A VaR measure gives, for a specific confidence level, an estimated potential loss that could be incurred over a specified period of time. VaR is used to determine the potential change in value of the proprietary trading portfolio, over a 10-day period within a 95% confidence level, resulting from normal market fluctuations. VaR is estimated using the historical variance/covariance approach.

VaR has certain inherent limitations. The use of historical information in the estimate assumes that price movements in the past will be indicative of future market risk. As such, it may be only meaningful under normal market conditions. Extreme market events are not addressed by this risk measure. In addition, the use of a 10-day measurement period implies that positions can be unwound or hedged within that period. However, this may not be possible if the market becomes illiquid. SaskPower recognizes the limitations of VaR and actively uses other controls, including restrictions on authorized instruments, volumetric and term limits, stress-testing of individual portfolios and of the total proprietary trading portfolio and management review. As at March 31, 2016, the VaR associated with electricity trading activities was nil.

#### (b) Interest rates

##### Short- and long-term borrowings

The Corporation is exposed to interest rate risk on the Corporation's short-term variable interest rate debt.

As at March 31, 2016, SaskPower had \$981 million in short-term advances as well as \$200 million of floating rate long-term debt outstanding. The Corporation is also exposed to interest rate risk arising from fluctuations in interest rates on future short-term and long-term borrowings. Interest rate risk on these expected future borrowings is managed by having an appropriate mix of fixed and floating rate debt. The expected borrowings in fiscal 2017 are \$500 million, of which \$100 million is short-term. The Corporation has entered into bond forward agreements of \$114 million to hedge exposures to anticipated changes in interest rates on forecasted issuances of long-term debt in 2016-17.

The Corporation expects to have an average balance of \$1.1 billion in short-term advances outstanding throughout fiscal 2017. If interest rates were to increase by 100 basis points, this would result in approximately an \$11 million increase in finance charges related to this short-term variable interest rate debt.

#### Debt retirement funds

Debt retirement funds are monies set aside to retire outstanding debt upon maturity. The Corporation is required to pay annually into debt retirement funds which are held and invested by the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue Fund. The Corporation has classified these investments as fair value through profit or loss and, therefore, has recognized the change in the market value in profit or loss for the period. At March 31, 2016, SaskPower had \$533 million in debt retirement funds. The fair value of the debt retirement funds is driven largely by interest rates. The estimated impact of a yield curve shift of 1%, assuming no change in the amount of debt retirement funds, would be a \$50 million decrease in the market value of the debt retirement funds.

#### **(c) Foreign exchange rates**

The Corporation faces exposure to the United States/Canadian dollar exchange rate primarily through the sale of electricity to customers in the United States, as well as from the purchase of goods and services that are payable in United States dollars. The Corporation may utilize financial instruments to manage this risk. As at March 31, 2016, the Corporation had no outstanding foreign exchange derivative contracts. The impact of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates on SaskPower's financial instruments is not considered significant to the Corporation. Therefore, a sensitivity analysis of the impact on profit or loss has not been provided.

#### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a transaction will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. Concentrations of credit risk relate to groups of customers or counterparties that have similar economic or industry characteristics that cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic or other conditions.

The Corporation does not have a significant concentration of credit risk. The maximum credit risk to which the Corporation is exposed as at March 31, 2016, is limited to the fair value of the financial assets recognized as follows:

(in millions)	<b>March 31 2016</b>	December 31 2014
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 28	\$ -
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue	409	315
Risk management assets	-	7
Debt retirement funds	533	457
Investment	2	2
	<b>\$ 972</b>	\$ 781

- (a) Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue is diversified among many residential, farm and commercial customers throughout Saskatchewan. The following reflects an aging summary of the Corporation's customer accounts receivable balances for both electricity and non-electricity sales at March 31, 2016:

(in millions)	<b>March 31 2016</b>	December 31 2014
<b>Current</b>		
Current	\$ 253	\$ 261
30 to 59 days	8	10
60 to 89 days	2	9
90 days and greater	17	16
	<b>\$ 280</b>	\$ 296
Allowance for doubtful accounts		
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(10)	(7)
Margin deposits on derivative financial instruments		
Margin deposits on derivative financial instruments	132	20
Miscellaneous receivables		
Miscellaneous receivables	7	6
	<b>\$ 409</b>	\$ 315

The allowance for doubtful accounts is reviewed quarterly based on an estimate of outstanding amounts that are considered uncollectible. Historically, the Corporation has not written-off a significant portion of its accounts receivable balances.

- (b) SaskPower is also exposed to credit risk arising from derivative financial instruments if a counterparty fails to meet its obligations. The Corporation maintains Board-approved credit policies and limits in respect to its counterparties.
- (c) Debt retirement funds are on deposit with the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue Fund and invested as the Minister of Finance may determine. At March 31, 2016, the Minister has invested these funds primarily in provincial government and federal government bonds with varying maturities. These coincide with related long-term debt maturities and are managed based on this maturity profile and market conditions. As such, the related credit risk associated with these investments as at March 31, 2016, is considered low.
- (d) In 2009, the Corporation converted its investment in Aurora Trust Series A Asset-Backed Commercial Paper (Aurora) to longer-term interest paying notes, Master Asset Vehicle II (MAVII), which will be paid off as the underlying assets mature in December 2016. As of March 31, 2016, the investment has been written-down by 5% to reflect the uncertainty with respect to SaskPower being repaid the full value of its initial investment. It is recognized in other assets on the statement of financial position.

#### **Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Corporation is unable to meet its financial commitments as they become due or can do so only at excessive cost. SaskPower manages the Corporation's cash resources based on financial forecasts and anticipated cash flows. The following summarizes the contractual maturities of the Corporation's financial liabilities at March 31, 2016:

(in millions)	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flows	<b>Contractual cash flows</b>				
			0-6 months	7-12 months	1-2 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
<b>Financial liabilities</b>							
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 370	\$ 370	\$ 370	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued interest	52	52	52	-	-	-	-
Risk management liabilities <sup>1</sup>	157	157	157	-	-	-	-
Short-term advances	981	981	981	-	-	-	-
Long-term debt	5,130	9,913	77	228	354	889	8,365
	<b>\$ 6,690</b>	<b>\$ 11,473</b>	<b>\$ 1,637</b>	<b>\$ 228</b>	<b>\$ 354</b>	<b>\$ 889</b>	<b>\$ 8,365</b>

1. The terms and conditions of certain derivative financial instrument contracts require SaskPower to provide collateral when the fair value of the obligation pursuant to these contracts is in excess of credit limits granted. As at March 31, 2016, the Corporation had \$132 million in collateral posted related to these contracts.

Management believes its ability to generate and acquire funds will be adequate to support these financial liabilities.

## **28. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

The Corporation's objective when managing capital is to ensure adequate capital to support the operations and growth strategies of the Corporation. SaskPower raises most of its capital through internal operating activities and through funds obtained by borrowing from the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance. This type of borrowing allows the Corporation to take advantage of the Government of Saskatchewan's strong credit rating. The Act provides SaskPower with the authority to have outstanding borrowings of up to \$8 billion, which includes \$1.4 billion that may be borrowed by way of temporary loans. Temporary loans include short-term borrowings through the Government of Saskatchewan as well as borrowings made under the \$51 million of credit facilities available at financial institutions.

The Corporation's capital structure consists of long-term debt net of debt retirement funds, short-term advances, finance lease obligations, bank indebtedness (cash and cash equivalents), retained earnings, accumulated other comprehensive loss and equity advances.

The Corporation monitors its capital structure using the per cent debt ratio. The per cent debt ratio is calculated as total net debt divided by total capital as follows:

(in millions)	March 31 2016	December 31 2014
Long-term debt	\$ 5,130	\$ 4,355
Short-term advances	981	890
Finance lease obligations	1,133	1,138
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>7,244</b>	6,383
Debt retirement funds	533	457
Cash and cash equivalents (bank indebtedness)	28	(2)
<b>Total net debt</b>	<b>\$ 6,683</b>	\$ 5,928
Retained earnings	1,547	1,521
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(61)	(3)
Equity advances	660	660
<b>Total capital</b>	<b>\$ 8,829</b>	\$ 8,106
<b>Per cent debt ratio</b>	<b>75.7%</b>	73.1%

## 29. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

(in millions)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Thereafter
Planned capital expenditures	\$ 899	\$ 952	\$ 1,116	\$ 1,416	\$ 1,318	\$ 6,065
Power purchase agreements (PPAs) <sup>1</sup>	364	371	405	452	492	7,001
Coal purchase contracts	157	213	218	217	214	1,110
Natural gas purchase contracts <sup>2</sup>	95	88	86	89	83	191
Transmission purchase contracts	6	6	6	6	5	2
Letters of credit	7	-	-	-	-	-

1. The amounts reflected include minimum lease payments related to PPAs classified as leases.

2. Includes fixed price forward contracts of \$628 million which apply for the own-use scope exemption.

The commitments listed above have maturity dates ranging from 2016 to 2044.

## 30. NET CHANGE IN NON-CASH WORKING CAPITAL

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31 2014
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue	\$ (84)	\$ (57)
Inventory	3	(34)
Prepaid expenses	(5)	(3)
Other assets	1	2
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(162)	89
	<b>\$ (247)</b>	\$ (3)

## 31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Included in these consolidated financial statements are transactions with various Saskatchewan Crown corporations, ministries, agencies, boards and commissions related to the Corporation by virtue of common control by the Government of Saskatchewan and non-Crown corporations and enterprises subject to joint control and significant influence by the Government of Saskatchewan (collectively referred to as related parties). Routine operating transactions with related parties are settled at prevailing market prices under normal trade terms.

The Corporation also pays Saskatchewan provincial sales tax on all its taxable purchases to the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance. Taxes paid are recorded as part of the cost of those purchases.

### Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel include Board Members and Executive Officers. The compensation paid to key management for employee services is shown below:

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31 2014
Salaries and short-term employee benefits	\$ 6	\$ 5
Post-employment benefits	-	-
Termination benefits	-	-
Other long-term benefits	-	-
	\$ 6	\$ 5

## 32. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

(in millions)	Defined benefit pension plan	Other benefit plans	Total
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 103	\$ 50	\$ 153
Current service cost	-	7	7
Net interest expense	5	6	11
SaskPower funding contribution	-	-	-
SaskPower benefits paid	-	(11)	(11)
Actuarial losses (gains)	72	1	73
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 180</b>	<b>\$ 53</b>	<b>\$ 233</b>
Current service cost	-	9	9
Net interest expense	8	3	11
SaskPower funding contribution	-	-	-
SaskPower benefits paid	-	(16)	(16)
Actuarial losses (gains)	27	-	27
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 215</b>	<b>\$ 49</b>	<b>\$ 264</b>

### Defined benefit pension plan

The Corporation sponsors a defined benefit pension plan (the Plan) that has been substantially closed to employees since 1977. The Plan is governed by *The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Act* and *Regulations*, as well as *The Power Corporation Superannuation Act*.

The Plan provides benefits based on the average of the highest five years' annual pensionable earnings and years of service. Pensions are increased annually at a rate equal to 70% of the increase in the Saskatchewan consumer price index (CPI). The measurement date of the latest actuarial valuation used to determine the Plan assets and obligations was September 30, 2015, and the results were extrapolated to March 31, 2016.

The effective date of the most recent actuarial valuation for funding purposes was December 31, 2014. Under current Canada Revenue Agency guidelines, an actuarial valuation for funding purposes is to be completed, at a minimum, every three years.

The Plan is solely the obligation of the Corporation. The Corporation is not obligated to fund the Plan but is obligated to pay benefits under the terms of the Plan as they come due. SaskPower has a Board-approved funding policy which is based on the funding actuarial valuation and requires the Plan deficit to be funded over 10 years when the funded status is less than 95%. In accordance with the funding policy, no contributions were made by SaskPower for the fifteen months ended March 31, 2016.

#### **(a) Status of the Plan**

The actuarial valuation measured at September 30, 2015, and extrapolated to March 31, 2016, showed that the Plan had an actuarial deficit of \$215 million (2014 – \$180 million). The calculation of the pension plan deficit is as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	<b>Fifteen Months March 31 2016</b>	<b>Twelve Months December 31 2014</b>
<b>Plan assets</b>		
Fair value, beginning of period	\$ 800	\$ 791
Actual return on plan assets	23	72
Employer funding contributions	-	-
Employee funding contributions	-	-
Benefits paid	(79)	(63)
Fair value, end of period	\$ 744	\$ 800
<b>Accrued benefit obligation</b>		
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 980	\$ 894
Current service cost	-	-
Interest cost	44	39
Benefits paid	(79)	(63)
Actuarial losses on accrued benefit obligation	14	110
Balance, end of period	\$ 959	\$ 980
<b>Plan deficit</b>	\$ (215)	\$ (180)

#### **(b) Assumptions**

The significant actuarial assumptions adopted in measuring the Corporation's accrued benefit obligation are:

	<b>March 31 2016</b>	<b>December 31 2014</b>
Discount rate, beginning of period	3.75%	4.50%
Discount rate, end of period	3.60%	3.75%
Long-term inflation rate	2.00%	2.00%
Assumptions for benefit increases (% of CPI)	70.00%	70.00%
Plan duration (years)	10.80	10.90

The actuarial assumptions are based on management's expectations, independent actuarial advice and guidance provided by IFRS. The discount rate is the yield at the reporting date on high quality bonds that have maturity dates approximating the terms of the Corporation's obligations. The long-term rate of compensation increases assumption is no longer necessary due to the fact that all active members are assumed to retire immediately given their age and service levels. The mortality assumptions are based on the 2014 Canadian Private Sector Mortality Table.

### Sensitivity of assumptions

Sensitivity of the Plan to changes in the discount rate, inflation rate, future indexing and life expectancy on the accrued benefit obligation as at March 31, 2016, is as follows:

(in millions)	<b>Accrued benefit obligation</b>	
	1% increase	1% decrease
Discount rate	\$ (95)	\$ 115
Inflation rate	(30)	32
Future indexing	114	(96)
Life expectancy (each member one year older/younger)	(30)	32

### (c) Benefit plan asset allocation

The following is a summary of the asset mix of the Plan's investments:

	<b>March 31 2016</b>	December 31 2014
Equity securities	<b>48.5%</b>	52.8%
Debt securities	<b>36.2%</b>	35.2%
Real estate and infrastructure	<b>14.6%</b>	11.6%
Short-term securities	<b>0.7%</b>	0.4%
	<b>100.0%</b>	100.0%

### (d) Benefit payments

The benefit payments expected to be made to beneficiaries over the next five years are as follows:

(in millions)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Expected benefit payments	\$ 65	\$ 64	\$ 64	\$ 63	\$ 61

### Other benefit plans

Other benefit plans include a defined benefit and a defined contribution severance plan, a supplementary superannuation plan and a voluntary early retirement plan.

The significant actuarial assumptions adopted in measuring the Corporation's other benefit plans are:

	<b>March 31 2016</b>	December 31 2014
Discount rate	<b>3.00 - 3.25%</b>	3.25%
Long-term rate of compensation increases	<b>2.00%</b>	2.00%
Long-term inflation rate	<b>2.00%</b>	2.00%
Remaining service life (years)	<b>7.02</b>	7.28
Plan duration (years)	<b>3.60 - 5.80</b>	3.90 - 5.90

### Cumulative actuarial losses (gains)

The cumulative amount of actuarial gains and losses recorded in other comprehensive loss related to the Corporation's defined benefit pension plans is as follows:

(in millions)	March 31 2016	December 31 2014
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 18	\$ (55)
Actuarial losses (gains) on plan assets:		
Experience adjustments	13	(38)
Actuarial losses (gains) on accrued benefit obligations:		
Experience adjustments	(1)	1
Changes in actuarial assumptions (life expectancy)	-	35
Changes in actuarial assumptions (discount rate)	15	75
<b>Balance, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 45</b>	<b>\$ 18</b>

### Defined contribution pension plan

The defined contribution pension plan is governed by *The Public Employees Pension Plan Act and Regulations* and certain sections of *The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Act and Regulations*.

Under the defined contribution pension plan, the Corporation's obligations are limited to the contributions for current service. These contributions are charged to income when made. The employee benefits expense for the defined contribution pension plan recorded in OM&A expense is as follows:

(in millions)	Fifteen Months March 31 2016	Twelve Months December 31 2014
Employee benefits expense	\$ 26	\$ 19

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Accountability is a principal component of SaskPower's corporate values and is essential in our relationship with our customers, stakeholders and shareholder. In order to ensure the continuing presence of a sound corporate governance structure, our company remains committed to ongoing evaluation. Our aim is to strengthen transparency while executing a comprehensive program of reporting.

## COMPANY STRUCTURE

SaskPower is governed by *The Power Corporation Act* (the Act). It is subject to the provisions of *The Crown Corporations Act, 1993*, which gives the Crown Investments Corporation (CIC) of Saskatchewan, the holding company for Saskatchewan's commercial Crown corporations, broad authority to set the direction of SaskPower. In practice, directives are normally in the following forms: CIC Crown subsidiary policies applying to all CIC Crowns; CIC Board resolutions and directives; and CIC management directives.

As the shareholder of SaskPower, CIC provides oversight of our company's operations. Communication is implemented through written policies and directives issued by CIC's management or its Board of Directors, as well as verbally through discussions with SaskPower leaders. Our company reports to CIC on a regular basis on matters such as Corporate Balanced Scorecard results, financial statements and forecasts, capital expenditures and debt obligations. SaskPower also provides ad hoc reports to CIC upon request.

Where required by legislation or policy directive, our company submits performance management and investment decisions for review and approval by CIC and provincial cabinet. Through its Chair, who is an outside Director, the SaskPower Board of Directors is accountable to the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation. The Minister functions as a link between SaskPower and cabinet, as well as the provincial legislature.

The Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan appoints members to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies at the beginning of each legislative session. This committee holds public hearings and is empowered to review the annual reports, financial statements and operations of Crown corporations and related agencies. The Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation and our company's senior executives are called before the committee to answer questions about the year under review and issues of topical concern.

## GOVERNING OUR COMPANY

The Board of Directors is responsible for the general stewardship of SaskPower. It is accountable for setting direction, monitoring and evaluating achievement, as well as identifying any necessary corrective action for SaskPower. The Board works with management to develop and approve SaskPower's Strategic Plan, annual budget and Business Plan. It participates in identifying business risks and oversees the implementation of appropriate systems to achieve a balance between risks incurred and potential returns.

All of SaskPower's Board Members, including the Chair, are independent of management. The expectations and responsibilities of Directors are outlined in terms of reference. Board Members receive a comprehensive orientation and continuing education. In addition to being subject to SaskPower's Code of Conduct Policy, Board Members are also bound by the CIC Directors' Code of Conduct. Peer evaluations are completed every two years.

Director	Meetings attended <sup>1</sup>
Rob Pletch, Chair	9
Bill Wheatley, Vice-chair	7
Gord Broda <sup>2</sup>	7
Merin Coutts	8
Judy Harwood	8
Mitch Holash <sup>3</sup>	1
Jim Hopson <sup>4</sup>	6
Karri Howlett	9
John Hyshka	8
Bryan Leverick	9
Mick MacBean	4
Leslie Neufeld	9
Tammy Van Lambalgen	9

1. There were a total of 9 meetings held in 2015-16.

2. Resigned February 5, 2016.

3. Resigned March 10, 2015.

4. Appointed March 25, 2015.

Information in this section covers the period January 1, 2015, through March 31, 2016. Visit [saskpower.com](http://saskpower.com) for a full description of SaskPower's corporate governance practices, including Board and Director terms of reference.

## LEADERSHIP BY COMMITTEE

During the year, the Board reviewed the strategic direction of SaskPower, as well as numerous operational, financial, environmental, human resource and governance items. The Board also continues to adopt policies and processes to enable effective communication with our shareholder, stakeholders and the public.

Our company's Board has three standing committees to assist in discharging specific areas of responsibility:

### Audit & Finance Committee

#### Seven meetings

**Chair:** Leslie Neufeld

**Members:** Gord Broda (resigned February 5, 2016), Bryan Leverick, Mick MacBean, Bill Wheatley, and Rob Pletch (ex officio)

The Audit & Finance Committee's terms of reference mandate the committee to assist the Board in meeting its responsibilities with respect to financial reporting, internal controls and accountability. The committee oversees the risk management reporting of SaskPower and directly interacts with the internal and external auditors. The committee ensures that the Board is provided with financial plans, proposals and information that are consistent with our company's overall strategic planning and public policy objectives.

During the period ending March 31, 2016, the committee reviewed annual and interim financial statements, regular risk reporting packages, Corporate Balanced Scorecard reporting, the 2016-17 Business Plan, as well as the Deloitte and Provincial Auditor 2014 audit summaries. The committee approved the work plan for the Internal Audit Department and monitored quarterly reporting on irregularities. There were no material irregularities reported in the period.

The committee also reviewed plans to develop an up to 350-megawatt (MW) combined cycle natural gas plant near Swift Current, Saskatchewan. A process was established in consultation with CIC to determine whether the project will be built by SaskPower or an independent power producer through a competitive procurement process. A request for proposal (RFP) was issued to further evaluate the options and ensure that overall value is maximized for SaskPower and its stakeholders.

The committee recommended a number of additional significant projects and initiatives to the Board, including: a supply diversification strategy for our company that will result in SaskPower achieving up to 50% of total generating capacity from renewable sources by 2030; a project to rehabilitate the powerhouse and main dam at the Island Falls Hydroelectric Station located on the Churchill River near

the community of Sandy Bay; an agreement with Manitoba Hydro to purchase 100 MW of power for a term of 20 years commencing in 2020 and a project to construct the necessary transmission facilities; a new 14-year coal supply agreement for the Poplar River Power Station; and a commitment to set aside a number of solar and flare gas projects to be developed by First Nations Power Authority and its members.

The committee also reviewed SaskPower's significant corporate risks and mitigation plans to address them, monitored the company's financial performance, and held regular in camera discussions with SaskPower's Director, Internal Audit.

### **Environment, Health & Safety Committee**

**Five meetings**

**Chair: Karri Howlett**

**Members: Judy Harwood, Mitch Holash (resigned March 10, 2015), John Hyshka, Jim Hopson (appointed June 4, 2015) and Rob Pletch (ex officio)**

The Environment, Health & Safety Committee is charged with ensuring that our company proactively addresses safety, health and environmental issues and is in compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements. In addition, the committee reviews the findings of the internal and external audits of the company's environmental and safety management systems, as well as environmental, health and safety facilities. It also monitors the implementation of audit recommendations.

In the period ended March 31, 2016, the committee approved a five-year environmental strategy for SaskPower to align the company with evolving stakeholder and regulator expectations on environmental performance. The committee also continued to monitor environmental key performance indicators; review progress on regulatory developments for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other air pollutants; receive reports on SaskPower's compliance with environmental legislative, regulatory and corporate standards; and review the results of internal and external audits of SaskPower's environmental and safety management systems.

The committee reviewed the findings of an external audit of SaskPower's Vegetation Management Program and monitored the progress of SaskPower's Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Action Plan to address risks associated with PCBs and significantly reduce their presence in SaskPower's system.

Management presented the committee with its corporate strategic plan for safety and provided regular updates on corporate safety performance. The committee also received an audit report on the status of SaskPower's dams, which is provided annually pursuant to SaskPower's Dam Safety Program.

### **Governance/Human Resources Committee**

**11 meetings**

**Chair: Mitch Holash (resigned March 10, 2015), Bryan Leverick (Acting Chair - March 11, 2015 to June 4, 2015) and Tammy Van Lambalgen (appointed June 4, 2015)**

**Members: Merin Coutts, Judy Harwood (to June 4, 2015), Karri Howlett, Bryan Leverick and Rob Pletch (ex officio)**

The Governance/Human Resources Committee is responsible for the development, review and effectiveness of SaskPower's corporate governance practices. The committee's governance-related duties include serving as ethics advisor for the Board, monitoring and evaluating overall Board performance on a biannual basis, providing guidance on governance issues to Directors, and recommending governance issues for discussion by the full Board. The Governance/Human Resources Committee is also charged with overseeing SaskPower's human resources strategies, programs and practices.

In the period ended March 31, 2016, the committee approved revisions to SaskPower's Governance Manual and Signing Authority Policy to ensure that our company's governance policies support effective decision-making. The committee also approved changes to SaskPower's Community Partnerships and Investment Policy to clarify eligibility criteria and ensure consistent application of the policy within the company.

The committee received reports on the company's activities in a number of areas, including: an annual report on the activities of the Saskatchewan Electric Reliability Authority, a committee within SaskPower that is charged with the authority to adopt and enforce electric reliability standards in Saskatchewan under the Act; and the performance of SaskPower's gas and electrical inspections branch.

The committee's human resources activities included: oversight of the administration of SaskPower's Short-Term Incentive Plan; a review of SaskPower's benefit plans; approval of an Executive Diversity Strategy; a review of a five-year Workforce Plan; and consideration of SaskPower's succession planning framework. The committee also reviewed the performance of the President & CEO for 2015 and established performance objectives for the President & CEO for 2016.

## ASSESSING OUR GOVERNANCE PERFORMANCE

Our company is committed to regularly revisiting key elements of SaskPower's decision-making processes to ensure we continue to meet best practice standards. As a Crown corporation, SaskPower is not required to comply with Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) Governance Guidelines. However, we use these guidelines to benchmark our governance practices.

Our company's practices are substantially consistent with CSA standards, as set out in the following scorecard:

CSA national policy 58-201 Part 3 — Corporate Governance Guidelines	SaskPower's corporate governance practices	Consistent with CSA guidelines?
<b>Composition of the Board</b>		
3.1 The Board should have a majority of independent Directors.	As of March 31, 2016, the Board was comprised of 11 independent Directors.	Yes
3.2 The Chair of the Board should be an independent Director. Where this is not appropriate, an independent Director should be appointed to act as "Lead Director." However, either an independent Chair or an independent Lead Director should act as the effective leader of the Board and ensure that the Board's agenda will enable it to successfully carry out its duties.	The Chair of the Board is an independent Director.	Yes
<b>Meetings of independent Directors</b>		
3.3 The independent Directors should hold regularly scheduled meetings at which non-independent Directors and members of management are not in attendance.	All members are independent. The Board typically has two in camera sessions without management at every meeting.	Yes
<b>Board mandate</b>		
3.4 The Board should adopt a written mandate in which it explicitly acknowledges responsibility for the stewardship of the issuer, including responsibility for:	The Board has a written mandate in its terms of reference, where it explicitly acknowledges that the Board of Directors functions as a steward of the company.	Yes
(a) to the extent feasible, satisfying itself as to the integrity of the Chief Executive Officer (the CEO) and other executive officers and that the CEO and other executive officers create a culture of integrity throughout the organization;	The terms of reference for a Director state that Directors shall require "of themselves and corporate employees high standards of ethical behaviour..." The President and CEO mandate also places accountability on that position for ensuring activities and practices of the company are ethical and compliant with the law.	Yes
(b) adopting a strategic planning process and approving, on at least an annual basis, a strategic plan which takes into account, among other things, the opportunities and risks of the business;	The Board, working with the executive, provides strategic direction to SaskPower. Formally, this is accomplished with the annual approval of the Strategic Plan.	Yes
(c) the identification of the principal risks of the issuer's business, and ensuring the implementation of appropriate systems to manage these risks;	The Board identifies principal risks to the company on an annual basis. Either directly or through the Audit & Finance Committee, the Board monitors the company's risk management programs. It also oversees the implementation of risk management systems. The Audit & Finance Committee meets regularly to review reports and discuss significant risk concerns with both the internal and external auditors.	Yes
(d) succession planning (including appointing, training and monitoring senior management);	The Board terms of reference state that the Board is responsible for succession planning.	Yes
(e) adopting a communication policy for the issuer;	Pursuant to the Board terms of reference, the Board adopts policies and processes to enable effective communication with CIC, stakeholders and the public.	Yes

CSA national policy 58-201 Part 3 — Corporate Governance Guidelines	SaskPower's corporate governance practices	Consistent with CSA guidelines?
(f) the issuer's internal control and management information systems; and	The Board has approved an internal control program. SaskPower has documented and evaluated the design of the company's internal controls over financial reporting, including the adequacy of its information systems. Our company has developed a testing program to regularly evaluate the effectiveness of these controls. SaskPower's CEO and CFO annually certify that our company has developed an appropriate set of internal controls over financial reporting and that the controls are working effectively.	Yes
(g) developing the issuer's approach to corporate governance, including developing a set of corporate governance principles and guidelines that are specifically applicable to the issuer. <sup>1</sup>	The company's corporate governance principles and guidelines are outlined in SaskPower's Governance Manual, which is approved by the Board of Directors. In addition, the Governance/Human Resources Committee is responsible for and reports to the Board on corporate governance matters. The committee also functions as the ethics advisor for the Board.	Yes
<p>The written mandate of the Board should also set out:</p> <p>(i) measures for receiving feedback from stakeholders (e.g., the Board may wish to establish a process to permit stakeholders to directly contact the independent Directors), and</p>	The Board assumes responsibility for adopting policies and processes to enable effective communication with the shareholder, stakeholders and the public. To facilitate feedback from employees, the Board has adopted a whistleblower policy.	Yes
<p>(ii) expectations and responsibilities of Directors, including basic duties and responsibilities with respect to attendance at Board meetings and advance review of meeting materials.</p> <p>In developing an effective communication policy for the issuer, issuers should refer to the guidance set out in National Policy 51-201 Disclosure Standards.</p>	Expectations and responsibilities of Directors, including participation in and preparation for meetings, are outlined in the terms of reference for a Director.	Yes

1. Issuers may consider appointing a Corporate Governance Committee to consider these issues. A Corporate Governance Committee should have a majority of independent Directors, with the remaining members being "non-management" Directors.



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<b>Position descriptions</b> <p>3.5 The Board should develop clear position descriptions for the Chair of the Board and the Chair of each Board Committee. In addition, the Board, together with the CEO, should develop a clear position description for the CEO, which includes delineating management's responsibilities. The Board should also develop or approve the corporate goals and objectives that the CEO is responsible for meeting.</p>	<p>The Governance/Human Resources Committee annually reviews the terms of reference for the Board Chair as well as Committee Chairs. These are approved by the Board. The Board has also adopted a President and CEO mandate.</p>	Yes
<b>Orientation and continuing education</b> <p>3.6 The Board should ensure that all new Directors receive a comprehensive orientation. All new Directors should fully understand the role of the Board and its Committees, as well as the contribution individual Directors are expected to make (including, in particular, the commitment of time and resources that the issuer expects from its Directors). All new Directors should also understand the nature and operation of the issuer's business.</p>	<p>The Governance/Human Resources Committee terms of reference state that it shall recommend a Director orientation and continuing education policy. New Directors receive a comprehensive orientation to corporate issues and processes. Comprehensive briefing materials are also provided to new members covering key aspects of our company's business. The expectations of individual Directors are set out in the terms of reference for a Director approved by the Board. These expectations include attendance at meetings, participation in Board and committee work, and advance preparation for each meeting.</p>	Yes
<p>3.7 The Board should provide continuing education opportunities for all Directors, so that individuals may maintain or enhance their skills and abilities as Directors, as well as to ensure their knowledge and understanding of the issuer's business remains current.</p>	<p>SaskPower Board Members receive governance training from CIC and are offered the opportunity to attend The Director's College. Sponsored by CIC, this modular program focuses on the highest calibre governance practices, including technical and behavioural aspects of board governance. Directors who complete all five modules of the program are eligible to write a final examination and receive certification as a chartered corporate Director. In addition, our company provides opportunities to participate in site visits and tours. The Board also receives presentations from outside experts and industry-specific briefings as a backdrop for policy and investment decisions.</p>	Yes
<b>Code of Business Conduct and Ethics</b> <p>3.8 The Board should adopt a written Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (a Code). The Code should be applicable to Directors, officers and employees of the issuer. The Code should constitute written standards that are reasonably designed to promote integrity and to deter wrongdoing. In particular, it should address the following issues:</p>	<p>SaskPower has a written Code of Conduct Policy applicable to Directors, officers and employees. It is intended to provide both general and specific guidelines to protect and guide SaskPower personnel faced with ethical, moral and legal dilemmas during the course of their employment or in carrying out their duties. The Board has the responsibility to review and revise the Code, as required. The Board has further strengthened this directive by adopting a whistle blower policy and implementing an anonymous reporting process to help deter wrongdoing. Quarterly irregularity reporting has been implemented to keep the Board informed of compliance issues.</p>	Yes
(a) conflicts of interest, including transactions and agreements in respect of which a Director or Executive Officer has a material interest;	<p>The Code addresses conflicts of interest. Board Members complete and file annual conflict of interest declarations with the office of the General Counsel as well as declare any conflicts on the spot as they may arise in a meeting setting. Board Members are also bound by the CIC Directors' Code of Conduct.</p>	Yes
(b) protection and proper use of assets and opportunities;	<p>Property and inventions are covered in the Code as well as the appropriate use of business assets.</p>	Yes
(c) confidentiality of corporate information;	<p>Confidentiality is covered in the Code, including SaskPower information that contains third party information and personal information about personnel and customers.</p>	Yes

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(d) fair dealing with the issuer's security holders, customers, suppliers, competitors and employees;	Fair Dealing is covered in the General Conduct Principles section of the Code as follows: "The public is entitled to expect and receive from SaskPower equitable treatment and compliance with confidentiality expectations and laws, whether in the provision of services or in the acquisition of property... SaskPower expects its personnel to conduct themselves in a manner that is and is perceived to be fair, even-handed, and in compliance with applicable laws, this Code and related policies."	Yes
(e) compliance with laws, rules and regulations; and	The Code requires Directors, officers and employees to comply with applicable laws and related policies.	Yes
(f) reporting of any illegal or unethical behaviour.	The Code places an onus on employees to report suspected illegal or unethical behaviour. This is facilitated by specific procedures for reporting and investigating unethical conduct and other irregularities, which are appended to the Code.	Yes
<p>3.9 The Board should be responsible for monitoring compliance with the Code. Any waivers from the Code that are granted for the benefit of the issuer's Directors or Executive Officers should be granted by the Board (or a Board committee) only.</p> <p>Although issuers must exercise their own judgement in making materiality determinations, the Canadian securities regulatory authorities consider that conduct by a Director or Executive Officer which constitutes a material departure from the Code will likely constitute a "material change" within the meaning of National Instrument 51-102 Continuous Disclosure Obligations. National Instrument 51-102 requires every material change report to include a full description of the material change. Where a material departure from the Code constitutes a material change to the issuer, we expect that the material change report will disclose, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the date of the departure(s),</li> <li>• the party(ies) involved in the departure(s),</li> <li>• the reason why the Board has or has not sanctioned the departure(s), and</li> <li>• any measures the Board has taken to address or remedy the departure(s).</li> </ul>	<p>The Governance/Human Resources Committee's terms of reference state that it shall monitor and report annually to the Board concerning compliance with the CIC Director's Code of Conduct and "review and report to the Board on conflict of interest matters involving Directors."</p> <p>There were no waivers granted during the period ending March 31, 2016, with respect to Code compliance by Directors, Officers or employees.</p>	Yes
<p><b>Nomination of directors</b></p> <p>3.10 The Board should appoint a Nominating Committee.</p>	<p>As a Crown corporation, the appointment and removal of Directors is the prerogative of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, as established by statute. The Governance/Human Resources Committee may review and recommend qualified potential candidates for the Board. The names of any recommended candidates are then submitted by the Board to CIC as shareholder.</p>	Substantial compliance

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3.11 The Nominating Committee should have a written charter that clearly establishes the Committee's purpose, responsibilities, member qualifications, member appointment and removal, structure and operations (including any authority to delegate to individual members and subcommittees), and manner of reporting to the Board. In addition, the Nominating Committee should be given authority to engage and compensate any outside advisor that it determines to be necessary to permit it to carry out its duties. If an issuer is legally required by contract or otherwise to provide third parties with the right to nominate Directors, the selection and nomination of those Directors need not involve the approval of an independent Nominating Committee.	The terms of reference for the Governance/Human Resources Committee incorporate a written charter, which includes all terms referred to in the CSA guideline, with the exception of authority to delegate to individual members and subcommittees and member appointment and removal. The Board terms of reference state that any Committee can obtain the advice and counsel of external advisors. However, it states the decision to engage such advisors rests with the Board.	Substantial compliance
(a) Consider what competencies and skills the Board, as a whole, should possess. In doing so, the Board should recognize that the particular competencies and skills required for one issuer may not be the same as those required for another.	A skills profile, identifying the desired mix of experience and competencies required for the Board to effectively discharge its responsibilities, has been developed and is periodically updated.	Yes
(b) Assess what competencies and skills each existing Director possesses. It is unlikely that any one Director will have all the competencies and skills required by the Board. Instead, the Board should be considered as a group, with each individual making his or her own contribution. Attention should also be paid to the personality and other qualities of each Director, as these may ultimately determine the boardroom dynamic.	The Governance/Human Resources Committee, with assistance from the Corporate Secretary, maintains and updates a skills matrix of existing members. As needed, it conducts a gap analysis to identify skills required for future appointments to round out the Board's overall skill set.	Yes
The Board should also consider the appropriate size of the Board, with a view to facilitating effective decision making. In carrying out each of these functions, the Board should consider the advice and input of the Nominating Committee.	The terms of reference for the Governance/Human Resources Committee state that it shall recommend the size of the Board.	Yes
3.13 The Nominating Committee should be responsible for identifying individuals qualified to become new Board Members and recommending to the Board the new Director nominees for the next annual meeting of shareholders.	The Governance/Human Resources Committee identifies preferred skill sets for appointment to the Board of Directors. The identification of candidates for appointment to the Board is the responsibility of Executive Council.	Partial compliance
(a) the competencies and skills that the Board considers to be necessary for the Board, as a whole, to possess;	The terms of reference for the Governance/Human Resources Committee require the Committee to "recommend to the Board the size, composition, required capabilities and compensation of the Board of Directors to meet the needs of the Corporation."	Yes
(c) the competencies and skills each new nominee will bring to the boardroom.  The Nominating Committee should also consider whether or not each new nominee can devote sufficient time and resources to his or her duties as a Board Member.	When seeking candidates to fill a vacancy, it is the responsibility of Executive Council to consider how the skills and competencies of each candidate fit with the identified gaps on the Board.	Partial compliance

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<b>Compensation</b>  3.15 The Board should appoint a Compensation Committee composed entirely of independent Directors.	All members of the Governance/Human Resources Committee are independent Directors.	Yes
3.16 The Compensation Committee should have a written charter that establishes the Committee's purpose, responsibilities, member qualifications, member appointment and removal, structure and operations (including any authority to delegate to individual members or subcommittees), and the manner of reporting to the Board. In addition, the Compensation Committee should be given authority to engage and compensate any outside advisor that it determines to be necessary to permit it to carry out its duties.	The terms of reference for the Governance/Human Resources Committee incorporate a written charter, which includes all items referred to in the CSA guideline (with the exception of member appointment and removal, which is established by statute). The Board terms of reference state that any Committee can obtain the advice and counsel of external advisors. However, it states the decision to engage such advisors rests with the Board.	Substantial compliance
3.17 The Compensation Committee should be responsible for:  (a) reviewing and approving corporate goals and objectives relevant to CEO compensation, evaluating the CEO's performance in light of those corporate goals and objectives, and determining (or making recommendations to the Board with respect to) the CEO's compensation level based on this evaluation;	The Governance/Human Resources Committee's terms of reference state that the CEO's review is based upon agreed-upon objectives, updated each year. While CEO compensation is not addressed specifically, the Committee has the responsibility to review and monitor all management compensation and benefit programs. As SaskPower is not a publicly-traded company, the parameters for CEO compensation are set by its shareholder, CIC.	Substantial compliance
(b) making recommendations to the Board with respect to non-CEO Officer and Director compensation, incentive-compensation plans and equity-based plans; and	The Governance/Human Resources Committee has the responsibility to annually review and monitor management compensation and benefit programs and make recommendations to the Board. CIC, as shareholder, sets Director remuneration.	Substantial compliance
(c) reviewing Executive compensation disclosure before the issuer publicly discloses this information.	The Board annually approves the disclosure of the compensation of executive members and all employees earning more than \$50,000 per year. The compensation is disclosed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies of the Legislative Assembly, and ultimately the public, through the Payee Disclosure Report. In addition, the President and CEO — and direct reports — are required to file their employment contracts, and any amendments thereto, with the Clerk of the Executive Council pursuant to <i>The Crown Employment Contracts Act</i> . Key management personnel compensation is disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.	Yes
<b>Regular Board assessments</b>  3.18 The Board, its Committees and each individual Director should be regularly assessed regarding his, her or its effectiveness and contribution. An assessment should consider:	The Governance/Human Resources Committee coordinates the assessment process with the assistance of the Corporate Secretary or an external service provider. Performance evaluations are conducted annually on a two-year cycle, with Board and Board Chair evaluations being conducted one year, and direct peer, Committee Chair and Committee evaluations being conducted the following year. In the period ended March 31, 2016, evaluations were conducted on peers, Committee Chairs, and Committees.	Yes
(a) in the case of the Board or a Board Committee, its mandate or charter, and	Comprehensive evaluation surveys have been developed that take into consideration the mandate of the Board as well as accepted good governance practices.	Yes
(b) in the case of an individual Director, the applicable position description(s), as well as the competencies and skills each individual Director is expected to bring to the Board.	Peer evaluations are completed every other year and are based on the position description for Directors.	Yes

The Corporation has adopted CSA Amendment Instrument for National Instrument 58-101 respecting disclosure of Director term limits and representation of women on the Board and in Executive Officer positions as reflected in the following table.

CSA national policy 58-101 Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices	SaskPower's corporate governance practices	Consistent with CSA guidelines?
<b>Director term limits and other mechanisms of Board renewal</b> <p>10. Director term limits and other mechanisms of Board renewal. Disclose whether or not the issuer has adopted term limits for the Directors on its Board or other mechanisms of Board renewal and, if so, include a description of those Director term limits or other mechanisms of Board renewal. If the issuer has not adopted Director term limits or other mechanisms of Board renewal, disclose why it has not done so.</p>	<p>The appointment and removal of Directors is the prerogative of the Lieutenant Governor in Council pursuant to the Act. Director appointments are subject to term limits (established by Order in Council).</p>	<b>Partial compliance</b>
<b>Policies regarding the representation of women on the Board</b> <p>11. (a) Disclose whether the issuer has adopted a written policy relating to the identification and nomination of women Directors. If the issuer has not adopted such a policy, disclose why it has not done so.</p>	<p>Since the Corporation's Directors are selected and appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council pursuant to statutory authority, the representation of women on the Board is a matter of shareholder policy. CIC has adopted a written "Board of Directors' Appointment Policy." While the policy does not specifically refer to the identification and nomination of women Directors, it requires Crown Boards to include, "diversity candidates." The term, "diversity candidates" is not defined but is interpreted as including women, Aboriginal persons and visible minorities.</p>	<b>Partial compliance</b>
<p>(b) If an issuer has adopted a policy referred to in (a), disclose the following in respect of the policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) A short summary of its objectives and key provisions,</li> <li>(ii) The measures taken to ensure that the policy has been effectively implemented,</li> <li>(iii) Annual and cumulative progress by the issuer in achieving the objectives of the policy, and</li> <li>(iv) Whether and, if so, how the Board or its Nominating Committee measures the effectiveness of the policy.</li> </ul>	<p>The Corporation has not adopted a policy on the identification and nomination of women Directors, as this is a matter of shareholder policy. CIC maintains statistics regarding the diversity of each Crown Board, including progress made on the percentage of women serving on Crown Boards. CIC forwards the information to Executive Council to be considered when Board appointment decisions are made. The information includes the skill sets required for the Board, and diversity statistics. See Table A for disclosure of the number and proportion (in percentage terms) of Directors on the Board who are women.</p>	<b>Partial compliance</b>
<b>Consideration of the representation of women in the Director identification and selection process</b> <p>12. Disclose whether or not, if so, how the Board or Nominating Committee considers the level of representation of women on the Board in identifying the nominating candidates for election or re-election to the Board. If the issuer does not consider the level of representation of women on the Board in identifying and nominating candidates for election or re-election to the Board, disclose the issuer's reasons for not doing so.</p>	<p>It is the responsibility of Executive Council to consider the level of representation of women on the Board.</p>	<b>Partial compliance</b>
<b>Consideration given to the representation of women in Executive Officer appointments</b> <p>13. Disclose whether and, if so, how the issuer considers the level of representation of women in Executive Officer positions when making Executive Officer appointments. If the issuer does not consider the level of representation of women in Executive Officer positions when making Executive Officer appointments, disclose the issuer's reasons for not doing so.</p>	<p>SaskPower promotes a diverse workforce across all levels of the organization, including the Executive. This commitment is reflected in SaskPower's Executive Diversity Strategy. The focus of the strategy is to develop a talent pipeline of diversity candidates that possess the experience, education and technical backgrounds that are required for Executive positions. Diversity candidates include women, visible minority persons, Aboriginal persons and persons with disabilities.</p>	<b>Yes</b>

CSA national policy 58-101 Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices	SaskPower's corporate governance practices	Consistent with CSA guidelines?
<b>Issuer's targets regarding the representation of Women on the Board and in Executive Officer positions</b>		
14. (a) For purposes of this item, a "target" means a number or percentage, or a range of numbers or percentages, adopted by the issuer of women on the issuer's Board or in Executive Officer positions of the issuer by a specific date.	Although the CIC policy requires Crown Boards to include, "diversity candidates," the CIC policy does not adopt a specific target for representation of women on the Board.	No
(b) Disclose whether the issuer has adopted a target regarding women on the issuer's Board. If the issuer has not adopted a target, disclose why it has not done so.		
(c) Disclose whether the issuer has adopted a target regarding women in Executive Officer positions of the issuer. If the issuer has not adopted a target, disclose why it has not done so.	SaskPower does not have a specific target for the representation of women in Executive Officer positions. However, the Corporation's Executive Diversity Strategy has set short-term and long-term targets for diversity on the Executive team as follows:	
(d) If the issuer has adopted a target referred to in either (b) or (c), disclose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40% by 2021; and</li> <li>• 50% by 2026.</li> </ul>	Partial compliance
(i) The target, and		
(ii) The annual and cumulative progress of the issuer in achieving the target.		
<b>Number of women on the Board and in Executive Officer positions</b>	Refer to table A below.	Yes
15. (a) Disclose the number and proportion (in percentage terms) of Directors on the issuer's Board who are women.		
(b) Disclose the number and proportion (in percentage terms) of executive officers of the issuer, including all major subsidiaries of the issuer, who are women.	Refer to table B below.	Yes

**Table A – Representation of women on the Board**

Year	Target # of women	# of women	Actual % of women	Target % of all diversity candidates	Total # of all diversity candidates	Actual % of all diversity candidates	Total # of Directors
March 31, 2016	N/A	5	45%	N/A	5	45%	11
March 31, 2015	N/A	5	45%	N/A	5	45%	11

**Table B – Representation of women in Executive positions**

Year	Target # of women	# of women	Actual % of women	Target % of all diversity candidates	Total # of all diversity candidates	Actual % of all diversity candidates	Total # of Executive positions
March 31, 2016	N/A	2	15%	40% (by 2021)	3	23%	13
March 31, 2015	N/A	3	27%	N/A	4	36%	11

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As at March 31, 2016



**Rob Pletch**  
Chair  
Regina, Saskatchewan

Rob Pletch, Q.C., joined SaskPower's Board of Directors as Chair in July 2013. Prior to this, he served as SaskEnergy's Board Chair.

As counsel with MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP in Regina, Mr. Pletch's focus of law practice has been commercial and corporate law, securities, and mining law. He was Managing Partner at the firm from 1997-2001, and Chairman from 2003-2011.

Mr. Pletch holds a Bachelor of Arts (with Great Distinction) from the University of Saskatchewan and a Bachelor of Laws from Queen's University. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1989, and is Past President of the Law Society of Saskatchewan.

His community involvement includes serving as a Director and Board Chair for the Saskatchewan Roughriders, Governor of the Canadian Football League, Director of Canada Post Corporation, Director of Western Surety Company, Director of Great Western Brewing Company, and a Director and member of the Executive Committee of the Hospitals of Regina Foundation.



**Merin Coutts**  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Merin Coutts joined the Board of Directors in February 2014. Prior to this, she served on the Saskatchewan Government Insurance Board where she chaired the HR and Governance Committee. In addition to her role on the SaskPower Board of Directors, Mrs. Coutts is the Chair of the Community Consultative Committee and a Board Director of the Saskatoon Airport Authority as well as the Chair of the Governance and Nominations Committee on the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Board of Directors.

Mrs. Coutts is the CEO of Merin Coutts Management Consulting, where she specializes in organizational effectiveness and change management solutions as well as governance and strategic planning facilitation. Prior to this she held a number of leadership positions in the telecommunications, cable and broadcast industries in Saskatchewan, including the role of Regional Manager for Shaw Communications Inc.'s Saskatchewan division.

Mrs. Coutts holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Saskatchewan as well as a Chartered Director's designation, a joint venture between the DeGroote School of Business and the Conference Board of Canada. She also holds a Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA, CMA) designation.



**Bill Wheatley**  
Vice-chair  
Regina, Saskatchewan

Bill Wheatley is retired. He was formerly Managing Director, Chief Compliance Officer and General Counsel at Greystone Managed Investments Inc., a local investment management firm with more than \$33 billion in assets under management. He is a member of the Board of Directors of VIA Rail Canada and is Past Chairman of the Saskatchewan Securities Commission.

Mr. Wheatley graduated from the University of Saskatchewan, where he earned a degree in both Commerce and Law. He was called to the bar in 1973. Before starting work with Greystone, Mr. Wheatley was the head of a Regina real estate firm and Chief of Staff to the Minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Department of Finance and the Department of Justice.



**Judy Harwood**  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

In October 2012, Ms. Harwood was elected Reeve of the Rural Municipality (RM) of Corman Park. Corman Park surrounds the city of Saskatoon and is the largest RM, by population, in Saskatchewan.

Ms. Harwood holds a certificate from Cornell University in Essentials of Hospitality Management along with her Certified Hotel Administrator (CHA) designation. Ms. Harwood was voted one of Saskatchewan's 10 Women of Influence by Saskatchewan Business Magazine and awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for Outstanding Community Service.

In 2014, Ms. Harwood was elected Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities Director representing Division 5 and she was also awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the North Saskatoon Business Association. Ms. Harwood has served on numerous Boards, including those of SaskTel, Saskatchewan Transportation Corporation, Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Park, Saskatoon and District Chamber of Commerce, Ronald McDonald House, Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority, Saskatoon Community Foundation and served as President of the North Saskatoon Business Association.



**Jim Hopson**  
Regina, Saskatchewan

Jim Hopson was born and raised in Regina, graduating from Thom Collegiate in 1969. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Education (with distinction) from the University of Regina and a Master of Education from the University of Oregon.

His teaching career began in 1972 in Ceylon, Saskatchewan, and in December 2004 he retired as the Director of Education for the Qu'Appelle Valley School Division.

Football was also a big part of his life, and after high school football he played four years with the Regina Rams. He was a multi-year all-star and was named Outstanding Lineman in the league in 1972. In 1973, he made the jump to the Saskatchewan Roughriders, playing until 1976.

In 2005, he returned to the Riders as their first ever full-time President and CEO, retiring in March 2015. The team appeared in four Grey Cups, winning two, with the latest coming on home turf in 2013. He was very involved in securing and planning for the new Mosaic Stadium scheduled to open in 2017.

Personally, Mr. Hopson has been named one of the Power 50 of Canadian Sports by the Globe and Mail; awarded both the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal; and recognized as one of Saskatchewan's most influential men by Saskatchewan Business Magazine.

In 2014, Mr. Hopson was honoured with the Hugh Campbell Distinguished Leadership Award for his contributions to the Canadian Football League, the game of football and Canada's sporting culture. In 2015, he was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the University of Regina Alumni Association.



**Karri Howlett**  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Karri Howlett has over 18 years of experience in corporate strategy, mergers and acquisitions, financial due diligence, and risk analysis. Her knowledge is based on positions held with various financial institutions and as Principal of Karri Howlett Consulting Inc.

Ms. Howlett has conducted financial due diligence and risk analysis for several business endeavours, including business advisement and financial modelling for several mining and energy projects, and mergers of financial institutions ranging in size from \$75 million to \$3 billion in assets.

She is currently President and member of the Board of Directors of North Rim Exploration Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of RESPEC – a geosciences and engineering consulting firm based in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. She led the company's ownership transition from sole-proprietorship to 50% employee ownership and 50% institutional ownership in 2009, and subsequent sale to RSI Consulting Inc. in April 2016.

Ms. Howlett holds a Bachelor of Commerce, with Honours in Finance, from the University of Saskatchewan and has earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and the Chartered Director Designation. An active community member, she has previously served on the Boards of the Varsity View Community Association, SkateSaskatoon, and CFA Society of Saskatchewan. She has been involved with the University of Saskatchewan's Edwards School of Business as a lecturer in the Department of Finance, participant in the Leadership Development Program, and a protégé in the Betty-Ann Heggie Womentorship Program. She currently sits on the Boards of North Rim Exploration Ltd. and RSI Consulting Inc.



**John Hyshka**  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

John Hyshka, President of Hyshka + Associates, is currently a consultant. He works with clients in the corporate finance, corporate development and strategic management areas, mainly in the life sciences sector.

Prior to this, he was the Director of Economic Development of the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority (SREDA) for six years and had been directly involved in the development of the agriculture biotechnology and manufacturing cluster. He was also a founding Board Member of the Saskatchewan Nutraceutical Network. After leaving SREDA, he joined Performance Plants Inc. as Chief Financial Officer with a focus on raising capital and selling technology.

Mr. Hyshka has sat on two venture capital advisory boards in Canada, was on the Board of the Saskatoon and Saskatchewan Chambers of Commerce, and the Business Development Bank of Canada. He has also been an advisor to Working Ventures for a number of years.

In 2000, he started Phenomenome Discoveries Inc. (PDI), a human health research company, with a scientist. The company launched COLOGIC®, a simple test to help assess risk for colorectal cancer. In 2015, he left Phenomenome and started his consulting firm. Mr. Hyshka is currently the Chairman of the Board of Defyrus Inc., a life science company that develops anti-viral drugs and vaccines.



**Bryan Leverick**  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Bryan Leverick is the President of Saskatchewan-based Alliance Energy Ltd., and has been with the company since 1974. In addition to his role on the SaskPower Board of Directors, Mr. Leverick is a Board Member of Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Saskatoon Club. He is the Past Chair of the Royal University Hospital Foundation's Board of Directors and Past Chairman of the Canadian Electrical Contractors Association.

Mr. Leverick has served as Past President of the Saskatchewan Construction Association, Saskatchewan Bid Depository, Saskatoon Construction Association, and Electrical Contractors Association. He is also a Past Chairman of the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority, the Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation, as well as an avid supporter of the Ronald McDonald House and the Farm in the Dell. In 2003, he was honoured with the Distinguished Service Award by the Saskatchewan Construction Association, and received the Person of the Year Award in 2006.



**Mick MacBean**  
Calgary, Alberta

Mick MacBean joined Calgary-based private equity firm, TriWest Capital Partners, in 2010 and is a Senior Managing Director of the firm. From 1998 to 2010, he served as the CEO and Director of Diamond Energy Services, a Swift Current-based energy services company that he founded. Prior to that role, Mr. MacBean was employed by ARC Financial Corporation in a variety of disciplines, including merchant banking and private equity.

Mr. MacBean is the Lead Independent Director and Chair of the Audit Committee for Peyto Exploration and Development, a large natural gas producer listed on the TSE. He is a Director of numerous Western Canadian-based private businesses within the TriWest portfolio of companies, and also serves on the Board of the Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame.

Mr. MacBean holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Saskatchewan and is also a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) and Chartered Director. He was recognized with the Gilbert Bennett Outstanding Graduating Director award by McMaster University, DeGroote School of Business.



**Leslie Neufeld**  
Swift Current, Saskatchewan

Leslie Neufeld holds a Bachelor of Administration degree from the University of Regina, and obtained her Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) designation in 1996. Ms. Neufeld began her public practice career with Deloitte & Touche in Regina, Saskatchewan, and relocated to her hometown of Swift Current in 1996 to join Stark & Marsh CPA, LLP.

Ms. Neufeld became a partner in 2006 and currently focuses on the Technical Services business unit, which provides tax and compliance services to individuals and corporations. She has also worked extensively in the field of trust and estate taxation. From 2012 to present, she has served as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Stark & Marsh CPA, LLP. From June 2008 to June 2010 she served as a member of Council for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan and has also participated on the Institute's Practice Appraisal Committee.



**Tammy J. Van Lambalgen**  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Tammy Van Lambalgen obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1990 and her Bachelor of Laws degree in 1993, both from the University of Saskatchewan. Following graduation, she worked in Calgary for 10 years as a solicitor and as in-house counsel.

In 2003, Ms. Van Lambalgen returned to Saskatoon, joining AREVA Resources Canada. In 2008, she was promoted to Vice-president, Regulatory Affairs and General Counsel. Since that time, Ms. Van Lambalgen has had the responsibility for several different functions, most recently as Vice-president, Corporate Affairs and General Counsel.

Ms. Van Lambalgen has been on the SaskPower Board of Directors since 2013. She is also on the Board of Directors of AREVA Resources Canada, the Saskatchewan Mining Association and the Children's Discovery Museum on the Saskatchewan.



**Dale Bloom**  
Corporate Secretary  
Regina, Saskatchewan

Dale Bloom works for CIC, the holding company for Saskatchewan's commercial Crown corporations. He was part of a team at CIC that won the Lieutenant Governor's Gold Medal for Outstanding Public Service in Saskatchewan, as well as a Certificate of Achievement in the International Awards Programme for work in governance and performance management of public enterprises.

Mr. Bloom has worked in the public sector for over 20 years in various capacities. He has several degrees, most recently attaining his MBA in 2011 from the Kenneth Levene Graduate School of Business at the University of Regina. He has been and continues to be involved in various charitable activities in Regina.

## COMPENSATION

Under the authority of *The Crown Corporations Act, 1993*, SaskPower's shareholder, CIC, directs the compensation received by Directors. In addition to reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred while performing their duties (including related travel, meal and accommodation costs), Directors receive an annual retainer and meeting fees for service:

- The Board Chair receives an annual retainer of \$40,000.
- Board Members receive an annual retainer of \$25,000.
- The Audit & Finance Committee Chair receives an annual retainer of \$3,500.
- Other Committee Chairs receive an annual retainer of \$2,500.
- Committee members receive a \$750 daily meeting fee.

# EXECUTIVE TEAM

As at March 31, 2016



**Mike Marsh**  
President and CEO

On April 3, 2015, Mike Marsh was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Marsh was previously Vice-president of Operations and Chief Operations Officer since October 2012. In this position, he had responsibility of all operational issues for Power Production, Transmission Services and Distribution Services at SaskPower.

He has over 35 years of experience and joined SaskPower in 1991, following 12 years in the construction industry in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Once at SaskPower, he spent nine years in engineering and maintenance supervisory positions at the Boundary Dam Power Station and in Power Production before serving as the Manager of Business and Financial Planning in Corporate and Financial Services for six years. He was appointed Vice-president of Transmission & Distribution in March 2007 and led this business unit through a period of change, transition and unprecedented growth in the province.

He attended the University of Saskatchewan, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He later studied at Queen's School of Business and earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan.

He currently represents SaskPower on the Board of the Canadian Electricity Association (CEA) and is also Past Chair of the CEA Transmission Council. He has held positions on the CEA Distribution Council and the CEA Occupational Health and Safety Task Group.

Mr. Marsh is a Past President of the local chapter of the Canadian Progress Club – Regina Centre, a service organization offering financial assistance to charities supporting children and wellness.



**Diane Avery**  
Vice-president,  
Customer Services

Diane Avery is a Saskatchewan native with over 27 years of experience in the utility Crown sector in both monopoly and competitive markets.

Ms. Avery joined SaskPower in 2012 and currently holds the position of Vice-president, Customer Services. She previously held a variety of roles, including Vice-president, Commercial, at SaskPower and prior to that several roles with SaskTel including Director of Technology, Director of Marketing and Director of Business Simplification. In her past positions, Ms. Avery has focused on delivering a positive customer experience and has implemented innovative solutions to customer, employee and supplier challenges.

Ms. Avery holds a Bachelor of Administration from the University of Regina. She has completed numerous professional development programs, including Creating a Culture of Innovation at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and the Executive Marketing Program at the University of Western Ontario's Richard Ivey School of Business.

She has also been the past Board President and Chair of the Queen City Kinsmen Gymnastics Club, as well as past Board Member on the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association and the Saskatchewan Science Centre. She currently represents SaskPower on the Customer Council for the Canadian Electricity Association.



**Guy Bruce**  
Vice-president, Planning, Environment  
and Sustainable Development

Guy Bruce is a Saskatchewan native with over 35 years in the electricity industry. Throughout his career he has served in a variety of roles, which include plant engineering, system operations, energy trading, risk management, business planning and asset management.

Mr. Bruce was appointed to the SaskPower Executive in September 2011. Since that time he has been responsible for a number of functions, including environment, regulatory affairs, system planning, project delivery and properties. He is currently responsible for strategic planning, environment, sustainability, integrated resource planning and development of major supply options including clean energy, hydro, carbon capture and procurement from independent power producers.

Mr. Bruce is a professional electrical engineer who graduated from the University of Saskatchewan.



**Tim Eckel**  
Vice-president,  
Transmission Services

Tim Eckel was appointed Vice-president, Transmission Services, in June 2015. He has over 30 years of experience in numerous roles within SaskPower, most recently as Senior Director, Transmission Services.

Mr. Eckel has a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from the University of Saskatchewan, and an MBA from the University of Regina. He is a professional engineer and member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan. He represents SaskPower on the Canadian Electricity Association Transmission Council, is an active member of a local service club and has volunteered with a number of charitable and community organizations.



**Ted Elliott**  
Vice-president,  
Distribution Services

Ted Elliott was appointed Vice-president, Distribution Services, in June 2015. He first joined SaskPower in 1980, gaining experience in various areas in SaskPower including Transmission and Distribution, Operations, Training and Development, Customer Services and Human Resources.

As a second-generation power line technician, he credits his background and professional development to SaskPower and the opportunities the company has provided through a 35-year career that began out of high school, as a project labourer at Boundary Dam Power Station. He spent 11 years in the field, leaving his last posting in Maple Creek in pursuit of a training instructor role in his hometown of Weyburn. Future endeavours included the subsequent roles of Business Manager in the former Swift Current Region and eventual appointment as Region Manager (Transmission & Distribution) in Prince Albert.

Five years later, he pursued a leadership role in Human Resources in the areas of labour relations, recruitment and organizational development. He returned to Operations in 2005 in Saskatoon, leading to his appointment as General Manager/Senior Director of Distribution Services. He performed this role through the period of 2010-2015 where he and his team led the division through a major period of change, transition and unprecedented growth in the province. Mr. Elliott represents SaskPower on the Canadian Electricity Association Distribution Council.



**Kory Hayko**  
Vice-president, Commercial and  
Industrial Operations, and President  
and CEO, NorthPoint Energy Solutions

Kory Hayko was appointed Vice-president, Commercial and Industrial Operations, in June 2015. Since July 2014, he has held the position of President and CEO, NorthPoint Energy Solutions, a wholly owned subsidiary of SaskPower. In July 2014 he also became Acting Vice-president, Fuel and Cross-Crown Collaboration, and prior to that served as Acting Vice-president, Customer Services.

Mr. Hayko has more than 25 years of experience in numerous roles with SaskPower. Before moving into his present position, he was Director, Energy Management and Trading, for NorthPoint Energy Solutions.

Mr. Hayko graduated from the University of Regina with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Industrial Systems Engineering, and has a Masters of Applied Science in Energy Systems. He is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan and sits on the Board of the BHP Billiton-SaskPower CCS Knowledge Centre.

Outside of SaskPower, Mr. Hayko is an active member in the community. He has been for many years involved with Regina Minor Softball as an Executive Member for Zone 4 as well as coach. He also volunteers his time with the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society, MS Society of Canada and Canadian Diabetes Association.



**Sandeep Kalra**  
Vice-president, Finance,  
and Chief Financial Officer

Sandeep Kalra joined SaskPower after eight years in various positions with Fanning International, the world's largest Caterpillar distributor. Mr. Kalra's career with Fanning began in 2000 as the Director of Finance and Corporate Controller. He went on to become Vice-president of Finance for Fanning South America based in Chile and then Vice-president and Corporate Treasurer at the company's head office in Vancouver. Prior to his work with Fanning, Mr. Kalra held financial positions with Hertz Corporation, PepsiCo, Deloitte and Samtel India.

He is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) through the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada and a Chartered Accountant through the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Mr. Kalra holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree with honours from Delhi University, an MBA from the Stern School of Business at New York University and an ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors.



**Brian Ketcheson**  
Vice-president, Human Resources  
and Stakeholder Relations

Brian Ketcheson was appointed Vice-president, Human Resources and Stakeholder Relations, in July 2015. A veteran of more than 32 years in the utility business, Mr. Ketcheson began his career as a power technician with Manitoba Hydro. Over the years, he took on numerous leadership roles in Corporate Services, Operations, System Control, Aboriginal Relations, Human Resources and with Manitoba Hydro International. His most recent role was as Senior Vice-president, U.S. Operations, with Algonquin Power.

Mr. Ketcheson has also taken a keen interest in continuous learning, in both instrumentation and as a power electrician from Red River College. He has an MBA from Queen's University and is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CMA).

Mr. Ketcheson enjoys being involved in his community. He served on a number of community organizations and charity Boards in Manitoba, including the Humane Society, Salvation Army, YM/YWCA, and was a founding member of the Amadeus Steen Foundation, a children's charity to raise money for at-risk children.



**Howard Matthews**  
Vice-president, Power Production, and  
President & CEO, SaskPower International

Howard Matthews was appointed Vice-president, Power Production, and President and CEO of SaskPower International in June 2015, after serving as Acting Vice-president, Power Production, since July 2014. He has held a number of positions during his career with SaskPower, beginning as an Electrical Engineer in 1989. Prior to joining the Executive, he was Director at Poplar River Power Station, a position he held since 2009.

Prior to joining SaskPower, Mr. Matthews worked as a computer programmer for the Saskatchewan Research Council, Northern Telecom and Saskatchewan Mining and Development Corporation. He also spent time as a Field Engineer with Husky Injection in Toronto. Mr. Matthews holds Bachelor's degrees from the University of Saskatchewan in Commerce and Electrical Engineering.



**Michael Monea**  
President,  
Carbon Capture and Storage Initiatives

Michael J. Monea joined SaskPower in 2008 as Vice-president, Carbon Capture and Storage Initiatives. In September 2011, he was appointed President of this division.

Prior to his role with SaskPower, Mr. Monea was a Senior Vice-president with Canada Capital Energy Corporation. He also served as Executive Director of the Petroleum Technology Research Centre at the University of Regina and later was appointed Chair of the Board. In 2008, he was appointed to the Society of Petroleum Engineers Distinguished Lecture Program as an expert in enhanced oil recovery.

Early on in his professional career he was trained in oil and gas operations in the United States. He created his own consulting/oil company in 1982, Nautilus Exploration and Associates Ltd., which is still an active Canadian oil and gas company.

Mr. Monea holds Professional Engineer and Geoscientist designations and is a member of the Canadian Institute of Corporate Directors.



**Grant Ring**  
Vice-president,  
Procurement and Supply Chain

Grant Ring was appointed Vice-president, Procurement and Supply Chain, in June of 2015. He previously held the positions of Vice-president, Business Development; President and Chief Executive Officer of NorthPoint Energy Solutions; and Acting Vice-president and Chief Financial Officer, Corporate and Financial Services.

From 2001 to 2007, Mr. Ring held the position of Treasurer, Financial Services, with Corporate and Financial Services. Prior to that, Mr. Ring spent 11 years in various positions with SaskPower. Before joining SaskPower in 1990, he was employed in various accounting positions in private sector manufacturing and construction. His work experience includes project and asset accounting; general accounting and reporting; business development; procurement; treasury and banking; and pension plans.

Mr. Ring is the Chair of the Power Corporation Superannuation Plan and a Board member of the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region. He held the position of Chair of Financial Executives International Canada and Vice-Chair of the Public Employees Pension Plan (PEPP), as well as serving on other non-profit Boards.

Mr. Ring is a graduate of Queen's University, holding a Master of Business Administration. He is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CMA). His contributions to the financial community were recognized in 2008 when he was named a Fellow of the Society of Management Accountants (FCMA). In 2007, he completed a certificate in executive coaching, and in 2011 achieved his ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors.



**Brad Strom**  
Vice-president, Information Technology  
and Security, and Chief Information Officer

Brad Strom was hired as Vice-president, Information Technology and Security, and Chief Information Officer, in July 2015. Before joining SaskPower, Mr. Strom worked at Farm Credit Canada (FCC) as Vice-president, Development and Operations. During his time at FCC, he took on a number of leadership roles, where he was accountable for all aspects of the IT and Enterprise Security functions.

Prior to FCC, Mr. Strom had the opportunity to work in a number of countries such as Brazil, Argentina and England in industries such as healthcare, insurance, banking and government. The companies include SHL Systemhouse, IBM and PwC Canada.

Mr. Strom is a graduate of Carleton University in Ottawa, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Computer Systems Engineering. Mr. Strom is also involved in the community, and is a committed Board Member for the Caring Place, a non-profit counselling centre. He is also a provincial Board Member for Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan.



### Rachelle Verret Morphy

Vice-president, Law, Land and Regulatory Affairs, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

Rachelle Verret Morphy joined SaskPower in 2005 as Assistant General Counsel with the Law Department. She was appointed Vice-president in 2011, with responsibility for overseeing the Law, Land and Regulatory Affairs division and advising the President, Executive and Board of Directors on governance issues.

Previously, Ms. Verret Morphy worked for a federally regulated financial institution where she was responsible for providing advice on legal, tax and regulatory matters. Ms. Verret Morphy also worked in the private practice of law for a number of years at a major Saskatchewan law firm, with a focus on procurement, construction, information technology and taxation.

Ms. Verret Morphy is both a lawyer and a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA), and holds an ICD.D from the Institute of Corporate Directors. She has a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Saskatchewan, and a Bachelor of Commerce (honours) from the University of Ottawa. She is a member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, the Canadian Bar Association, the Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan, the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario, the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association and the Association of Corporate Counsel. She also volunteers as a legal advisor with Pro Bono Students Canada.

## COMPENSATION

CIC has established a framework for executive compensation, and SaskPower's Board can approve compensation packages within that framework. The Board has delegated responsibility for addressing and making recommendations concerning executive compensation issues to the Governance/Human Resources Committee. Executive performance is assessed annually against corporate and individual objectives that are aligned with our company's Strategic Plan. The mandate for executive compensation for Saskatchewan Crown corporations is established and monitored by CIC.

Direct reports of SaskPower's President & CEO, including all executive members, are required by legislation to file and report the details of their compensation and benefits and any changes to the Clerk of the Saskatchewan Legislature within 14 days of occurrence. In addition, the Crown and Central Agencies Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan requires Crown corporations, including SaskPower, to file an annual payee list that includes the total compensation of executive members.

Salary ranges for SaskPower's Executive team, as of March 31, 2016, were:

- President and CEO: \$346,440 to \$433,049.
- Vice-president: \$238,918 to \$298,648.

## FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(in millions)	Fifteen months March 31 2016	Twelve months December 31				
		2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Consolidated statement of income</b>						
<b>Revenue</b>						
Saskatchewan electricity sales	\$ 2,690	\$ 2,128	\$ 2,043	\$ 1,878	\$ 1,687	\$ 1,667
Exports	9	8	7	62	49	40
Net (costs) sales from electricity trading	(2)	(2)	(2)	3	14	14
Share of profit from equity accounted investees	2	1	2	3	5	6
Other revenue	188	161	107	99	100	105
	<b>2,887</b>	2,296	2,157	2,045	1,855	1,832
<b>Expense</b>						
Fuel and purchased power	818	650	638	550	513	485
Operating, maintenance and administration	793	634	656	618	616	577
Depreciation and amortization	571	452	389	355	316	290
Finance charges	463	362	326	262	205	199
Taxes	80	63	59	55	47	43
Other expenses	38	31	46	38	29	10
	<b>2,763</b>	2,192	2,114	1,878	1,726	1,604
<b>Income before the following</b>	<b>\$ 124</b>	\$ 104	\$ 43	\$ 167	\$ 129	\$ 228
Unrealized market value adjustments	(98)	(64)	17	(53)	6	9
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 26</b>	\$ 40	\$ 60	\$ 114	\$ 135	\$ 237
<b>Consolidated statement of financial position</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
Current assets	\$ 665	\$ 602	\$ 551	\$ 472	\$ 441	\$ 402
Property, plant and equipment	9,140	9,071	8,548	7,641	6,030	5,387
Intangible assets	54	58	73	76	62	52
Debt retirement funds	533	511	457	368	390	353
Investments accounted for using equity method	38	38	40	40	37	36
Other assets	4	4	5	7	9	11
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,434</b>	\$ 10,284	\$ 9,674	\$ 8,604	\$ 6,969	\$ 6,241
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>						
Current liabilities	\$ 1,676	\$ 1,676	\$ 1,590	\$ 1,376	\$ 1,300	\$ 705
Long-term debt	5,025	4,849	4,350	3,563	2,879	2,774
Finance lease obligations	1,122	1,126	1,130	1,131	430	434
Employee benefits	264	231	233	153	340	315
Provisions	201	198	193	158	162	149
Equity	2,146	2,204	2,178	2,223	1,858	1,864
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>\$ 10,434</b>	\$ 10,284	\$ 9,674	\$ 8,604	\$ 6,969	\$ 6,241
<b>Consolidated statement of cash flows</b>						
Cash provided by operating activities	\$ 409	\$ 383	\$ 391	\$ 572	\$ 396	\$ 549
Cash used in investing activities	(1,140)	(957)	(1,218)	(1,264)	(954)	(609)
Cash provided by financing activities	761	574	827	688	564	61
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash position</b>	<b>\$ 30</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4)	\$ 6	\$ 1
<b>Financial indicators</b>						
Dividends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120	\$ -
Capital expenditures	\$ 1,178	\$ 990	\$ 1,279	\$ 1,318	\$ 981	\$ 625
Return on equity (operating)	5.7%	4.7%	2.0%	8.2%	7.0%	12.6%
Return on equity	1.2%	1.8%	2.7%	5.6%	7.3%	13.1%
Per cent debt ratio	75.7%	74.8%	73.1%	69.8%	67.1%	62.6%

## FIVE-YEAR REVENUE STATISTICS

	Fifteen months March 31 2016	Twelve months December 31				
		2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Number of Saskatchewan customer accounts</b>						
Residential	<b>381,857</b>	380,392	373,109	362,738	353,435	345,854
Farm	<b>59,156</b>	59,262	59,792	61,076	61,737	62,475
Commercial	<b>61,351</b>	61,231	60,274	59,402	58,435	58,118
Oilfield	<b>19,258</b>	19,307	18,662	17,560	16,894	15,437
Power	<b>121</b>	121	102	101	108	99
Reseller	<b>2</b>	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>521,745</b>	520,315	511,941	500,879	490,611	481,985
<b>Electricity sales (in millions)</b>						
Residential	\$ <b>620</b>	\$ 490	\$ 490	\$ 452	\$ 402	\$ 408
Farm	<b>199</b>	159	164	155	131	145
Commercial	<b>562</b>	447	432	396	365	355
Oilfield	<b>419</b>	333	324	300	263	242
Power	<b>778</b>	609	546	494	449	440
Reseller	<b>112</b>	90	87	81	77	77
<b>Saskatchewan electricity sales</b>	<b>2,690</b>	2,128	2,043	1,878	1,687	1,667
<b>Exports</b>	<b>9</b>	8	7	62	49	40
<b>Total electricity sales</b>	<b>\$ 2,699</b>	\$ 2,136	\$ 2,050	\$ 1,940	\$ 1,736	\$ 1,707
<b>Electricity sales (GWh)</b>						
Residential	<b>3,963</b>	3,128	3,281	3,190	2,937	3,006
Farm	<b>1,594</b>	1,276	1,364	1,332	1,149	1,298
Commercial	<b>4,773</b>	3,795	3,788	3,663	3,532	3,447
Oilfield	<b>4,402</b>	3,494	3,503	3,448	3,177	2,901
Power	<b>11,107</b>	8,698	8,179	7,863	7,448	7,321
Reseller	<b>1,543</b>	1,234	1,274	1,257	1,254	1,253
<b>Saskatchewan electricity sales</b>	<b>27,382</b>	21,625	21,389	20,753	19,497	19,226
<b>Exports</b>	<b>113</b>	71	90	497	460	449
<b>Total electricity sales</b>	<b>27,495</b>	21,696	21,479	21,250	19,957	19,675
<b>Average electricity sales price (\$/MWh)</b>						
Residential	\$ <b>157</b>	\$ 157	\$ 149	\$ 142	\$ 137	\$ 136
Farm	<b>125</b>	125	120	116	114	112
Commercial	<b>118</b>	118	114	108	103	103
Oilfield	<b>95</b>	95	92	87	83	83
Power	<b>70</b>	70	67	63	60	60
Reseller	<b>73</b>	73	68	64	61	61
Exports	<b>80</b>	113	78	125	107	89
<b>Total weighted average electricity sales price</b>	<b>\$ 98</b>	\$ 98	\$ 95	\$ 91	\$ 87	\$ 87
<b>Average annual usage per residential customer (kWh)</b>	<b>10,378</b>	8,223	8,794	8,794	8,310	8,692
<b>System-wide average rate increases</b>	<b>3.0% (Jan 1) 2.0% (Sept 1)</b>	3.0% (Jan 1) 2.0% (Sept 1)	5.5% (Jan 1)	5.0% (Jan 1)	0.0%	0.0%

## FIVE-YEAR GENERATING AND OPERATING STATISTICS

	Fifteen months March 31 2016	Twelve months December 31				
		2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Net electricity supplied (GWh)</b>						
Coal	<b>13,882</b>	11,011	10,219	10,846	11,446	11,614
Gas	<b>10,378</b>	7,976	6,883	6,460	4,968	4,032
Hydro	<b>4,285</b>	3,426	4,706	4,449	4,240	4,641
Wind	<b>876</b>	684	636	646	655	682
Imports	<b>573</b>	506	797	548	656	502
Other	<b>180</b>	141	183	206	164	140
<b>Gross electricity supplied</b>	<b>30,174</b>	23,744	23,424	23,155	22,129	21,611
<b>Line losses</b>	<b>(2,679)</b>	(2,048)	(1,945)	(1,905)	(2,172)	(1,936)
<b>Net electricity supplied</b>	<b>27,495</b>	21,696	21,479	21,250	19,957	19,675
<b>Available generating capacity (net MW)</b>						
Coal	<b>1,530</b>	1,530	1,530	1,591	1,686	1,686
Gas	<b>1,771</b>	1,771	1,567	1,597	1,337	1,337
Hydro	<b>889</b>	889	864	863	853	853
Wind	<b>221</b>	221	198	198	198	198
Other	<b>26</b>	25	22	32	30	20
<b>Total available generating capacity</b>	<b>4,437</b>	4,436	4,181	4,281	4,104	4,094
<b>Peak loads (net MW)</b>						
Annual peak load	<b>3,640</b>	3,628	3,561	3,543	3,314	3,195
Minimum load	<b>2,033</b>	2,033	1,854	1,839	1,640	1,728
Summer peak load	<b>3,331</b>	3,331	3,131	3,187	3,053	3,070
<b>Lines in service (circuit km)</b>						
Transmission lines	<b>13,964</b>	13,964	13,405	13,267	13,174	13,452
Distribution lines	<b>143,020</b>	143,292	142,403	139,375	138,959	139,390
<b>Total lines in service</b>	<b>156,984</b>	157,256	155,808	152,642	152,133	152,842
<b>Number of permanent full-time employees</b>	<b>3,143</b>	3,133	3,099	3,008	2,830	2,701

## GLOSSARY

### **Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)**

An integrated system of smart meters, communication networks, and data management systems that enables two-way communication between utilities and customers.

### **Biomass**

Energy resources derived from organic matter. These include wood, agricultural waste and other living-cell material that can be burned to produce heat energy.

### **Capacity**

The greatest load than can be supplied by a generating unit, power station or an entire provincial grid system.

### **Carbon capture and storage (CCS)**

Technology that reduces greenhouse gas emissions by capturing carbon dioxide, typically at fossil-fuelled power plants, and storing it in geological reservoirs deep underground.

### **Carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ )**

One of the primary greenhouse gases believed to be a cause of climate change. Carbon dioxide is produced in fossil fuel-based electricity generation.

### **Carbon dioxide equivalent ( $\text{CO}_2\text{e}$ )**

A unit of measurement used to compare the emissions from various greenhouse gases based upon their global warming potential.

### **Climate change**

Climate change refers to any change in climate over time, whether due to natural variability or as a result of human activity.

### **Cogeneration**

The simultaneous generation of electricity and useful heat or steam. The heat could be put in use in an industrial process or to heat a facility or community. The electricity could be used by the owner or sold.

### **Demand**

The rate at which electric energy is delivered at a given instant or averaged over a period of time. It is measured in kilowatts, megawatts, etc.

### **Distribution**

Process of moving electric energy at lower voltages from major substations to customers.

### **Fly ash**

The fine powder by-product resulting from the combustion of pulverized coal used in many coal-fired generating stations.

### **Gigawatt (GW)**

A unit of bulk power; one billion watts or one million kilowatts.

### **Gigawatt hour (GWh)**

A unit of bulk energy; 1,000,000 kilowatt hours.

### **Independent Power Producer (IPP)**

An unregulated entity that owns power plants and generates electricity in the competitive wholesale market.

### **International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)**

Guidelines and rules set by the International Accounting Standards Board that companies follow when compiling financial statements. IFRS replaced the previous Canadian generally accepted accounting principles as the acceptable set of accounting standards for publicly accountable enterprises in Canada.

### **ISO 14001**

A standard that defines the elements of a sound environmental management system. The ISO 14000 series is a family of environmental management standards developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

### **Kilowatt hour (kWh)**

A unit of bulk energy; 1,000 watt hours. The measurement is generally used for billing residential customers.

### **Load**

The amount of electric power or energy consumed by a particular customer or group of customers.

### **Megawatt (MW)**

A unit of bulk power; 1,000 kilowatts. The unit generally used to describe the output of a commercial generator.

### **Megawatt hour (MWh)**

A unit of bulk energy; 1,000 kilowatt hours.

### **North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)**

Formed in 1968, its mission is to ensure that the bulk electric system in North America is reliable, adequate and secure.

### **Net metering**

The offsetting of electricity consumption by a customer against the same customer's production of electricity, typically from a small-scale renewable energy source such as wind or solar.

### **Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT)**

The SaskPower OATT allows eligible users to access our transmission system to transport electricity to wholesale customers within Saskatchewan or across the province to other jurisdictions. The OATT also ensures SaskPower can access the transmission systems of other utilities.

### **OHSAS 18001**

A standard that defines the elements of sound occupational health and safety management systems.

### **Peak load demand or peak energy demand**

The maximum amount of electric power or energy consumed by a particular customer or group of customers at a precise time.

### **Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)**

A group of organic compounds that were once used as cooling and insulating fluids in various types of electrical equipment, including transformers and capacitors.

### **Power purchase agreement (PPA)**

A contract between electricity producers in which one party sells energy and/or generating capacity to another, who generally serves end-use retail customers. For example, instead of building a new power plant an electric company can choose to enter into a PPA.

### **Smart meter**

An electronic device that records consumption of electric energy in intervals of an hour or less and communicates that information at least daily back to the utility for monitoring and billing.

### **Sulphur dioxide ( $\text{SO}_2$ )**

Sulphur dioxide belongs to the family of sulphur oxide gases. These gases are formed when fuel containing sulphur (mainly coal and oil) is burned at power plants and during industrial processes.

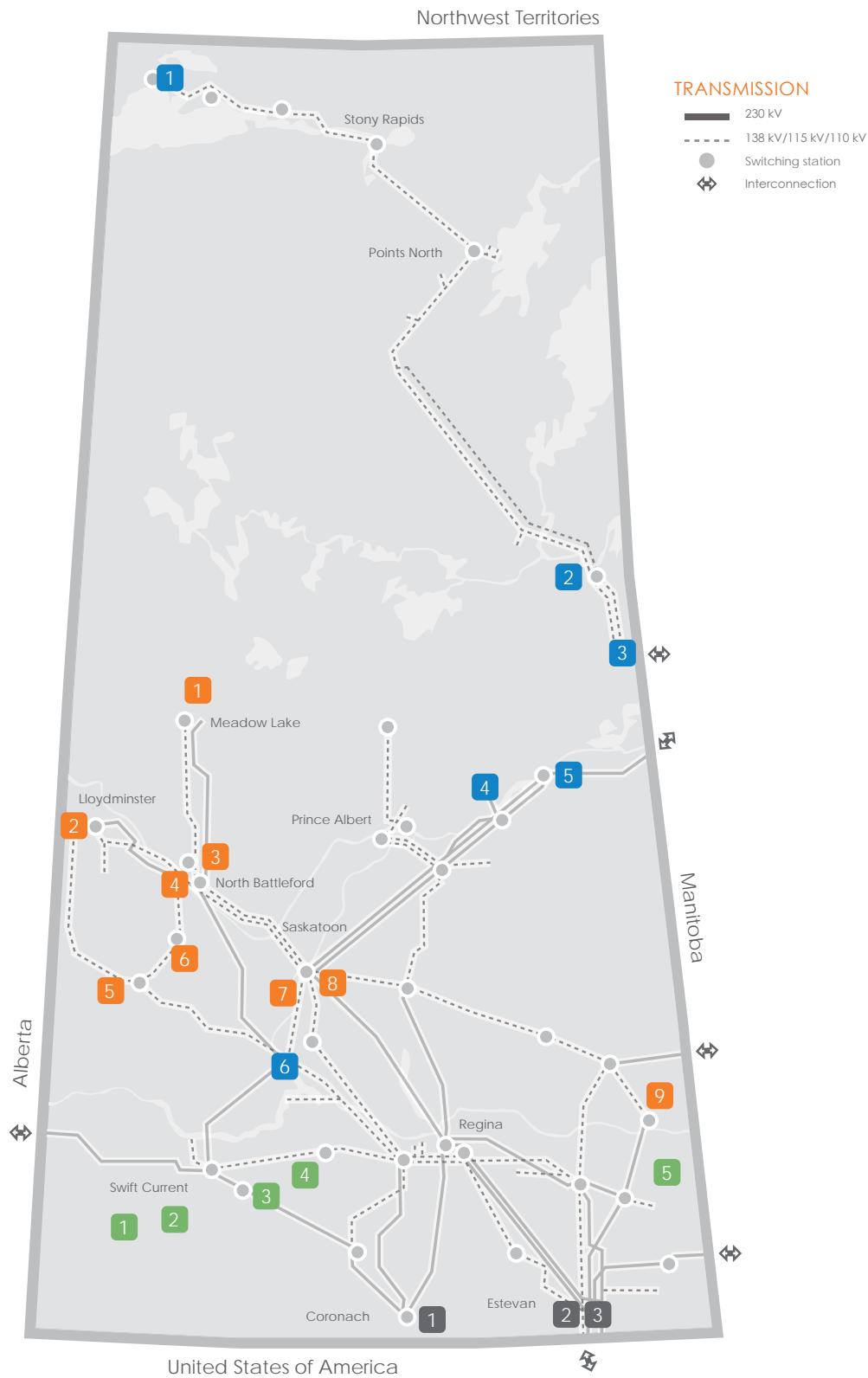
### **Switching station**

A facility containing transformers, regulators, switches and protective equipment for changing transmission voltages between transmission lines.

### **Transmission**

Process of moving electric power in bulk at higher voltages from the source of supply to distribution centres.

# SYSTEM MAP





As of March 31, 2016

Facility	Owner	Net Capacity (MW)	Fuel
1. Athabasca Hydroelectric System			
• Wellington	SaskPower	5	Hydro
• Waterloo	SaskPower	8	Hydro
• Charlot River	SaskPower	10	Hydro
2. Island Falls Hydroelectric Station	SaskPower	111	Hydro
3. Manitoba Hydro Northern Power Purchase Agreement	Manitoba Hydro	25	Hydro
4. Nipawin Hydroelectric Station	SaskPower	255	Hydro
5. E.B. Campbell Hydroelectric Station	SaskPower	289	Hydro
6. Coteau Creek Hydroelectric Station	SaskPower	186	Hydro
<b>Total Hydro</b>		<b>889</b>	
1. Poplar River Power Station	SaskPower	582	Coal
2. Boundary Dam Power Station	SaskPower	672	Coal
3. Shand Power Station	SaskPower	276	Coal
<b>Total Coal</b>		<b>1,530</b>	
1. Meadow Lake Power Station	SaskPower	44	Natural Gas
2. Meridian Cogeneration Station	Independent Power Producer	210	Natural Gas
3. North Battleford Generating Station	Independent Power Producer	260	Natural Gas
4. Yellowhead Power Station	SaskPower	138	Natural Gas
5. Ermine Power Station	SaskPower	92	Natural Gas
6. Landis Power Station	SaskPower	79	Natural Gas
7. Cory Cogeneration Station	SaskPower International/ATCO Power Canada	228	Natural Gas
8. Queen Elizabeth Power Station	SaskPower	634	Natural Gas
9. Spy Hill Generating Station	Independent Power Producer	86	Natural Gas
<b>Total Natural Gas</b>		<b>1,771</b>	
1. Cypress Wind Power Facility	SaskPower	11	Wind
2. SunBridge Wind Power Facility	Independent Power Producer	11	Wind
3. Centennial Wind Power Facility	SaskPower	150	Wind
4. Morse Wind Energy Facility	Independent Power Producer	23	Wind
5. Red Lily Wind Energy Facility	Independent Power Producer	26	Wind
<b>Total Wind</b>		<b>221</b>	
Small Independent Power Producers	Various	26	Various
<b>Total Small Independent Power Producers</b>		<b>26</b>	
<b>Total Available Generating Capacity</b>		<b>4,437</b>	



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