



POWER TALKS

ENERGY EDUCATION SERIES

AFFORDABLE POWER: MANAGING THE COST OF ELECTRICITY

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The energy transition is underway and the demand for power is increasing. That means we need new power facilities and powerlines. Building new infrastructure comes with a cost that can impact power rates and your bill. Join this discussion to learn about affordability programs, creating an energy-efficient home, and strategies for managing costs for the future.

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PANELIST:

FERN PEWAPSONIA

Fern is a manager with SaskPower's Customer Care & Billing Team and has worked at SaskPower for 15 years within customer service. She plays a pivotal role in designing and delivering programs aimed at enhancing customer experience, energy literacy & efficiency initiatives and affordability solutions. With a rich background in Customer Care & Billing, her work has made significant contributions to both commercial and residential customers. Her current focus lies in the development of initiatives tailored towards ensuring that energy solutions are accessible and equitable. Fern is passionate about her work and is committed to exploring innovative ways to support diverse customer demographics which include Indigenous Communities, while making a positive impact on energy sustainability and community well-being.



PANELIST:

ROD MACQUARRIE

Rod began his career at SaskPower in 1999 and has served as the Manager of Pricing & Energy Forecasting since 2016. His area is responsible for developing SaskPower's electrical tariffs as well as forecasting the short and long-term energy requirements and system peak demands for the province. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Administration degrees from the University of Regina and is currently leading numerous rate initiatives at SaskPower, including the ongoing rate redesign and rate simplification projects as SaskPower transitions to net-zero GHG emissions.



PANELIST:

MONICA WAHBA

Monica is a Consultant with SaskPower's Customer Strategy and Solutions team and has worked at SaskPower for over 14 years. Prior to working at SaskPower, she completed her Business and Environmental Studies degree in Waterloo, ON. Monica first started her career at SaskPower in the Environment area and has been a part of the various evolutions of the Customer Strategy and Solutions team. She has been able to work on a lot of different projects and programs related to commercial and residential energy efficiency and DSM, EVs and electrification, and now in the low-income and Indigenous program design and delivery space. She loves her work at SaskPower and is excited to be a part of the important work happening with energy affordability and learning about how we can better support our different demographics of customers.



MODERATOR:

DEREK LEVERINGTON

Derek is a trained facilitator and partner at MPATH Engagement, with a personal interest in helping participants collaborate and discover creative solutions to complex challenges. Derek has over twenty years of experience working with public sector clients on public policy consultations, digital engagement initiatives and web technology projects.

ABOUT SASKPOWER

Established in 1929, SaskPower is Saskatchewan's leading energy supplier. Our corporate mission is to ensure reliable, sustainable and cost-effective power for our customers and the communities we serve.

SaskPower's team is made up of nearly 3,100 permanent full-time employees. We manage almost \$13 billion in generation, transmission, distribution and other assets. Our company operates seven natural gas power stations, three coal-fired power stations, seven hydroelectric stations, and two wind facilities. Combined, they generate 3,968 megawatts (MW) of power. SaskPower also buys power from various independent power producers. Our company's total available generating capacity is 5,437 MW.

We're responsible for serving over 550,000 customer accounts within Saskatchewan's geographic area of approximately 652,000 square km. We maintain over 160,000 circuit km of power lines, 59 high voltage switching stations and 200 distribution substations.