



**THE BUSINESS OF POWER:  
COST, COMPETITIVENESS AND FUNDING  
THE CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION**  
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Reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from the grid is critical. But how much will it cost, and how are we going to pay for it? Join this session to learn about power rates and markets, the historic and current cost of energy, how we fund large-scale projects, and much more!

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**PANELISTS**

**MODERATOR**



**Amar Bajwa**



**Derek Bjornson**



**Andi Kriekle**



**Derek Leverington**



**PANELIST:**

**AMAR BAJWA**

Amar has worked for SaskPower since 2009 in roles on both the engineering and finance side of the business. He's currently a Financial Analyst with the Financial Analysis team where he spends most of his time analyzing the financial impacts of different generation options as SaskPower works to transition away from coal generation by 2030. Amar is a graduate of the Electronic Systems Engineering program from the University of Regina where he also completed his Master's of Business Administration. In addition to being a Professional Engineer registered with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan, he's also a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). Outside of SaskPower, Amar is a Director for the CFA Society of Saskatchewan and the Treasurer for Creative Corners Childcare Co-operative.



**PANELIST:**

**DEREK BJORNSON**

Derek is the Director of Financial Analysis and Treasury at SaskPower. Derek has worked in the electrical industry since 1998 and is a Chartered Financial Analyst. For the last five years Derek was leading SaskPower's treasury, credit, pension, insurance, and financial analysis teams with special attention being focused on the cost of generation options as SaskPower progresses through the energy transition away from conventional coal by 2030. Previously Derek had been responsible for SaskPower's work with independent power producers and led the negotiations of power purchase agreements with private companies and neighbouring Canadian provinces.



**PANELIST:**

**ANDI KRIEKLE**

Andi has been with SaskPower for over 20 years and is currently a Key Account Manager. She began her career with the company as a scheduler on the Energy Trading floor before spending numerous years as an Energy Trader, transacting in both the real-time and long-term power trading markets. She also spent time working as an Electricity Trading Analyst and as well as a Natural Gas Purchaser. In her current role with Key Accounts, Andi aims to provide a high-level of service to the province's largest commercial and industrial 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.