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City Seeking Public's Response to Proposed SaskPower Rate Increase

The city is asking for the public's help to save Swift Current Light and Power from predatory rate setting practices that threaten the future of the city owned utility.

“Despite taking the extraordinary step of filing a lawsuit against SaskPower over previous rate increases, SaskPower is now trying to hit us with yet another disproportionate and unfair increase. They are just not getting the message. So this time we want the public to help us tell SaskPower that this is simply unacceptable,” said Chief Administrative Officer Matt Noble.

The city will be making a presentation to the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel on September 7th, objecting to further increases. Proposed rates for Swift Current will further erode the value of our utility. These increases are disproportionate to increases charged on average throughout the province.

“The City of Swift Current has previously made presentations to the Rate Review Panel before, with limited success. To be more successful we require the public to add their voice to the objection.” said Mayor Sandy Larson.

“We want citizens to speak out if they feel that an arbitrary increase that is 50% higher than the average is unwarranted. Help us stand up to SPC and the system that threatens to hurt the integrity of our utility, a legacy that belongs to the citizens of Swift Current. E-mail the rate review panel input@saskratereview.ca or call toll-free at 1-877-368-7075, or log on to www.swiftcurrent.ca,” said Larson.

The proposed increase will aggravate the situation that led to the city launching a lawsuit against SaskPower. The lawsuit claims SaskPower's discriminatory rate setting practices are designed to force the city to sell its utility. SaskPower has yet to file a statement of defence in the lawsuit brought by Swift Current over previous increases.

**For more information or to schedule an interview:
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