



## AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 26, 2015, 11:45 a.m.  
Council Chamber, City Hall

Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

**Recommendation**

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

5.1 Transportation & Utilities Department

5.1.1 Admin Report - Proposed September 2015 Electrical Rate Increase [File No. 1905-3]

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**Recommendation**

1. That the proposed September 1, 2015 rate increase be approved for Saskatoon Light & Power's electrical rates as outlined in this report; and
2. That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9305, The Electrical Light and Power Amendment Bylaw, 2015.

6. URGENT BUSINESS

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

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## Proposed September 2015 Electrical Rate Increase

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2. That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9305, The Electrical Light and Power Amendment Bylaw, 2015.

### Topic and Purpose

To request approval of a 2% overall average electrical rate increase to match SaskPower's rate increase effective September 1, 2015.

### Report Highlights

1. The Government of Saskatchewan has approved SaskPower's application for an electrical rate increase effective September 1, 2015. The City has historically matched rate increases set by SaskPower.
2. The rate increase is an overall average of 2%. SaskPower estimates that the average residential consumer will see a monthly increase of \$1.70. The rate increase will help offset an increase in the cost of Bulk Power which is increasing 2.9% as of September 1, 2015.

### Strategic Goal

The recommendations within this report support the long term strategy to increase revenue sources and reduce reliance on residential property taxes under the Strategic Goal of Asset and Financial Sustainability.

### Background

The City of Saskatoon has historically set its rates for electricity sold to match those rates established by SaskPower. Matching the rates ensures there are no inequities between customers regardless if they are located within the City's or SaskPower's franchise areas.

### Report

On August 20, 2015, the Government of Saskatchewan approved the SaskPower request for a 2.0% system-wide average rate increase, to become effective September 1, 2015. The City has historically matched rate increases set by SaskPower.

In September 2014, a rate increase for 2015 of 3% overall was approved by the Government of Saskatchewan. This was below the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel approved rate request of 5%. The September 1, 2015 rate increase is implementing the final 2% that was granted during the rate application.

Rate changes for September 1, 2015 include an increase of 1.8% for residential customers, an increase of 2.2% for commercial customers, and a decrease in street lighting of 1.9%. SaskPower estimates the rate increase will increase the average residential customer's cost by \$1.70 per month.

**Options to the Recommendation**

Other possible options include either a rate increase different from SaskPower or no rate increase at all. The Administration does not recommend either alternative to ensure customer rates are equal regardless of the service provider.

**Communication Plan**

Upon approval of the rate change, customers will be notified through a Public Service Announcement, a City Page advertisement, as well as through social media tools such as Facebook and Twitter. The City's website will also be updated to reflect the new rates.

**Financial Implications**

A 2% overall rate increase has a positive impact of \$171,100 to the City in 2015.

Mill rate programs are expected to benefit by \$133,800, as Grants in Lieu received from Saskatoon Light & Power increases by \$126,000, while Street Lighting costs decrease by an estimated \$37,900. These benefits are offset by an estimated increase in mill rate program electrical costs of \$30,100.

The proposed rate increase has a positive impact for Saskatoon Light & Power of \$37,300 in 2015. The cost of bulk power is increasing at a higher rate (2.9%) than revenues, reducing the effect of the rate increase.

**Other Considerations/Implications**

There are no public or stakeholder involvement, policy, environmental, privacy or CPTED implications or considerations.

**Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion**

Reports will be forwarded to City Council as required for any future rate increases.

**Public Notice**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**Attachment**

1. Bylaw No. 9305, The Electrical Light and Power Amendment Bylaw, 2015

**Report Approval**

Written by: Brian Casey, Business Administration  
Reviewed by: Shelley Korte, Director of Business Administration  
Don McPhee, Acting Director of Saskatoon Light & Power

**Proposed September 2015 Electrical Rate Increase**

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Approved by: Pat Hyde, Acting General Manager, Transportation & Utilities  
Department

Approved by: Murray Totland, City Manager  
Council BC – Proposed September 2015 Electrical Rate Increase

**BYLAW NO. 9305**

**The Electric Light and Power Amendment Bylaw, 2015**

The Council of The City of Saskatoon enacts:

**Short Title**

- 1. This Bylaw may be cited as *The Electric Light and Power Amendment Bylaw, 2015*.

**Purpose**

- 2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend Bylaw No. 2685, *A bylaw to regulate the sale of electric light and power in the City of Saskatoon and fixing the rates and deposits therefor*, to conform with the rates set by SaskPower for 2015.

**Bylaw No. 2685 Amended**

- 3. Bylaw No. 2685 is amended in the manner set forth in this Bylaw.

**Section 6.(1) Amended**

- 4. Section 6.(1) is repealed and the following substituted:  
 "6.(1) From and after the 1st day of September, 2015, the following shall be the rates for the supply of electric current for light and/or power by The City of Saskatoon and all charges for electric current consumed on and after the said date shall be computed on the following applicable rates:

**Rates**

All rates apply to individual customers on a monthly basis, and The City of Saskatoon reserves the right to:

- (a) require separate metering for each customer; and
- (b) specify the service voltage.

### Residential

To apply to all residential customers for domestic use only.

<b>Service Charge</b> .....	\$22.24 per month
<b>Energy Charge</b> .....	13.89¢ per kWh
<b>Minimum Bill</b> .....	the service charge

**NOTE: The bulk metered rate option is closed to new customers**

Where one meter supplies more than one family dwelling unit, all rate blocks, the service charge and the minimum charge shall be multiplied by 100% of the total number of dwelling units in the premises.

### General Service II

To apply to all non-residential customers to which no other rates apply and having a monthly demand less than 15 kVA.

<b>Service Charge</b> .....	\$30.38 per month
<b>Energy Charges</b>	
First 14,500 kWh per month.....	13.34¢ per kWh
Balance over 14,500 kWh per month....	7.04¢ per kWh
<b>Minimum Bill</b> .....	the service charge

If the customer's demand is 15 kVA or greater, the customer will advance to the General Service III rate.

### General Service III

To apply to all non-residential customers to which no other rates apply and having billing demands from 15 kVA to 75 kVA inclusive.

<b>Service Charge</b> .....	\$30.38 per month
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**Energy Charges**

First 14,500 kWh per month..... 13.34¢ per kWh

Balance over 14,500 kWh per month.... 7.04¢ per kWh

**Demand Charges**

First 50 kVA of  
billing demand per month..... no charge

Balance over 50 kVA of  
billing demand per month..... \$14.78 per kVA

**Minimum Bill**

The service charge plus \$4.75 per kVA of maximum billing demand over 50 kVA recorded in the previous 11 months.

**Billing Demand**

The billing demand shall be the maximum demand registered in the current billing period. If such demand exceeds 75 kVA, then the customer advances to General Service IV rate.

If a customer's billing demand is less than 15 kVA, then the customer reverts to General Service II rate.

**General Service IV**

To apply to all non-residential customers to which no other rates apply and having billing demands greater than 75 kVA and up to and including 500 kVA.

**Service Charge**..... \$56.54 per month

**Energy Charges**

First 16,750 kWh per month..... 11.70¢ per kWh

Balance over 16,750 kWh per month.... 7.49¢ per kWh



**Demand Charges**

First 50 kVA of  
billing demand per month..... no charge

Balance over 50 kVA of  
billing demand per month..... \$15.22 per kVA

For those customers who own the supply transformer and receive service at primary voltages of 4,160 volts or higher:

**Service Charge**..... \$236.52 per month

**Energy Charges** ..... 7.08¢ per kWh

**Demand Charges**

\$13.62 per kVA of billing demand per month

**Minimum Bill**

The service charge plus \$4.75 per kVA of maximum billing demand over 50 kVA in the previous 11 months.

For those customers who own the supply transformer and receive service at primary voltages of 4,160 volts or higher, the service charge plus \$4.75 per kVA of maximum billing demand in the previous 11 months.

**Billing Demand**

The billing demand shall be the maximum demand registered in the current billing period.

If the billing demand exceeds 500 kVA, then the customer advances to General Service V rate.

If a customer's billing demand is equal to, or less than 75 kVA, then the customer reverts to General Service III rate.

## General Service V

To apply to all non-residential customers to which no other rates apply and having billing demands greater than 500 kVA and up to and including 2,000 kVA.

**Service Charge**..... \$56.54 per month

### Energy Charges

First 16,750 kWh per month..... 11.70¢ per kWh

Balance over 16,750 kWh per month.... 7.49¢ per kWh

### Demand Charges

First 50 kVA of  
billing demand per month..... no charge

Balance over 50 kVA of  
billing demand per month..... \$15.22 per kVA

For those customers who own the supply transformer and receive service at primary voltages of 4,160 volts or higher:

**Service Charge**..... \$236.52 per month

**Energy Charges** ..... 7.08¢ per kWh

### Demand Charges

\$13.62 per kVA of billing demand per month

### Minimum Bill

The service charge plus \$4.75 per kVA of maximum billing demand over 50 kVA in the previous 11 months.

For those customers who own the supply transformer and receive service at primary voltages of 4,160 volts or higher, the service charge plus \$4.75 per kVA of maximum billing demand in the previous 11 months.

**Billing Demand**

The billing demand shall be the maximum demand registered in the current billing period;

or

For those services with approved time-of-day metering (costs to be borne by the customer), the greater of the maximum kVA demand registered between the hours of 07:00 to 22:00 local time Monday through Friday excluding statutory holidays or 75% of the maximum kVA demand registered at any other time during the current month.

If the billing demand exceeds 2,000 kVA, then the customer advances to General Service VI rate.

If the customer's billing demand is equal to, or less than 500 kVA, then the customer reverts to General Service IV rate.

**General Service VI**

To apply to all non-residential customers to which no other rates apply and having billing demands greater than 2,000 kVA and up to and including 15,000 kVA.

**Service Charge**..... \$6,040.10 per month

**Energy Charges** .....6.74¢ per kWh

At the customer’s request, an alternative energy charge is available. If a customer registers for this energy charge, the customer must remain on this energy charge for a period of at least one year. To be eligible, the customer must have approved time-of-day metering (costs to be borne by the customer).

**On-Peak Energy Consumption** – monthly energy consumed between the hours of 07:00 to 22:00 hours Monday through Friday excluding statutory holidays (“on-peak hours”).

**Off-Peak Energy Consumption** – monthly energy consumed in all hours excluding on-peak hours.

**On-Peak Energy Charge**.....7.37¢ per kWh

**Off-Peak Energy Charge** .....6.27¢ per kWh

**Demand Charges**

\$11.40 per kVA of billing demand per month

For those customers who own the supply transformer and receive service at primary voltages of 4,160 volts or higher, the demand charge shall be \$10.64 per kVA of billing demand.

**Minimum Bill**

The demand charge plus the service charge.

**Recorded Demand**

The monthly recorded demand shall be the maximum kVA demand registered during the current month.

**Billing Demand**

The billing demand shall be the monthly recorded demand or 75% of the maximum billing demand in the previous 11 billing periods, whichever is the greater.

If a customer's billing demand is equal to, or less than 2,000 kVA, then the customer reverts to General Service V rate.

**Unmetered Services**

To apply to all unmetered services where the electrical consumption is constant and predictable. Examples of this type of load are SaskTel telephone booths, crosswalk lighting, school warning lights, automated railway crossing protection, street traffic counters, traffic lights, Public Library bookmobiles, and other miscellaneous services. This rate is not applicable to decorative lighting, dusk to dawn lighting where the City owns and maintains the equipment, SaskEnergy rectifiers, and cable television power supply units.

**Rate**

Charge per 100 watt of calculated average demand per month..... \$9.53

**Minimum Bill** ..... \$19.16 per month

### Decorative Lighting

To apply to all unmetered electricity used for decorative lighting operated by Timer control between the hours of 07:00 to 09:00 and 18:00 to 24:00 in any day during a Christmas season, being from the first Monday in December through to and including the 14th day of January.

**Rate**

Charge per 100 watt of calculated average demand per month..... \$4.13

**Minimum Bill** ..... \$19.16 per month

### Street Lighting and Off-Street Floodlighting

To apply to all unmetered lighting operated dusk to dawn by photo control where the City owns and maintains the lighting equipment. These rates apply to all City and Department of Highway street lighting, and to the floodlighting of public areas, lanes and private parking areas. With the exception of City accounts, these rates are closed to both existing and new customers for the purpose of off-street floodlighting.

### Fixture Wattage and Type

Rate Code	Ornamental HPS	HPS	Ornamental MH	LED	MH	Monthly Rate
SL13	50 W					\$13.20
SL14	70 W					\$13.75
SL15	100 W					\$14.16
SL16	150 W					\$17.68
SL17	250 W					\$20.34
SL18		100 W				\$13.48
SL19		150 W				\$14.97
SL20		250 W				\$18.60
SL21		400 W				\$22.61
SL22		1000 W				\$38.77
SL23	400 W					\$24.32
SL24					400 W	\$23.14
SL25		200 W				\$19.95
SL26			50 W			\$16.34
SL27			100 W			\$19.01
SL28			250 W			\$23.90
SL29				100 W		\$14.53

### SaskEnergy Rectifiers

To apply to all unmetered Cathodic Protection rectifiers.

#### Rate

Charge per rectifier per month..... \$27.15

#### Minimum Bill

Charge per rectifier..... \$27.15 per unit

### Cable Television Power Supply Units

To apply to all unmetered Cable Television power supply units.

#### Rate

Charge per power supply unit per month..... \$71.32

**Minimum Bill**

Charge per power supply unit per month..... \$71.32 per unit”

**Coming into Force**

5. This Bylaw shall come into force on September 1, 2015.

Read a first time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Read a second time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Read a third time and passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Mayor

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City Clerk