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Dear Members of City Council:

***NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL***

Please take note of the following special meeting:

**DATE:            MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012**

**TIME:            1:00 P.M.**

**PLACE:          CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, MAIN FLOOR**

The purpose of the meeting is to consider Bylaw No. 9072 - The Electric Light and Power Amendment Bylaw, 2012 effective January 1, 2013. Attached is Administrative Report No. 18-2012 regarding this matter.

Yours truly,

**Joanne Sproule**  
City Clerk

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Attachment

cc: City Manager  
City Solicitor  
Government and Aboriginal  
Relations Manager  
Strategic & Business Planning Manager  
Communications Manager  
Special Project Manager

General Manager, Community Services Department  
General Manager, Corporate Services Department  
General Manager, Fire & Protective Services Department  
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department  
General Manager, Utility Services Department  
Director of Human Resources  
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His Worship the Mayor and City Council  
The City of Saskatoon

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

### Section F – UTILITY SERVICES

- F1) Proposed Bylaw Amendment  
Electrical Rates Bylaw No. 9072  
Effective January 1, 2013  
(Files CK. 1905-6 and WT. 1905-6-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council consider Bylaw No. 9072 – The Electric Light and Power Amendment Bylaw, 2012.

### TOPIC AND PURPOSE

Saskatoon Light & Power electrical rates need to be increased to match SaskPower's 4.9% rate increase effective January 1, 2013.

### REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

1. SaskPower will increase its electrical rates 4.9% effective January 1, 2013.
2. It is important that SL&P rates increase on January 1, 2013 because our bulk power rate will increase 4.9% that date.
3. The rate increase will impact City revenue provided by SaskPower from their franchise area of Saskatoon (municipal surcharge and grants-in-lieu of taxes). It will also increase the cost of street lighting in Saskatoon's franchise.
4. The average residential customer will see a monthly increase of \$4.50. By reducing consumption, customers can reduce their monthly charge.

### STRATEGIC GOAL

Higher rates are necessary to maintain SL&P return on investment and to increase capital reserves for capital expenditures which supports the long-term strategy to increase revenue sources and reduce reliance on residential property taxes under the Strategic Goal of Asset and Financial Sustainability. Saskatoon Light & Power provides cost-effective and high quality electricity. Capital expenditures are necessary to replace and increase SL&P assets. Unlike most utilities, Saskatoon Light & Power owes no debt.

## **BACKGROUND**

Historically, the City has set its rates for electricity sold within its franchise area so that customer bills would be the same as those paid by SaskPower customers. Failure to do this would result in inequities between similar customers served by the two utilities in Saskatoon.

## **REPORT**

The Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel has recommended that SaskPower rates be increased by an average of 4.9% effective January 1, 2013. The Administration was notified of Cabinet approval on December 12, 2012.

With the release of SaskPower's rate schedule, Saskatoon Light & Power will prepare the corresponding rate schedule for the Saskatoon Light & Power franchise area. In order to bring the new rates into effect on January 1, 2013, the City Solicitor's Office has prepared an amendment to the Rate Bylaw implementing the required rate changes for Council's consideration (Attachment 1). The rate increase has been set so that all customers whether residential, commercial, street lighting or SL&P bulk power receive a 4.9% rate increase. The average monthly increase for residential customers is \$4.50.

## **OPTIONS TO THE RECOMMENDATION**

There are no options to the recommendation.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The financial impact of this rate increase is included in the proposed 2013 Operating Budget. Revenue increases, bulk power increase, Grants-in-lieu of taxes increases, and the surplus revenue pays for SL&P's inflationary cost increases.

## **PUBLIC AND/OR STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT**

There is no public and/or stakeholder involvement.

**COMMUNICATION PLAN**

Upon approval of the electrical rates, the City will inform customers through a Public Service Announcement and using social media tools such as Facebook and Twitter. In addition, the City webpages will be updated to reflect the new rate.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Any energy conservation resulting from the rate increase will reduce greenhouse gas.

**PRIVACY IMPACT**

Not applicable.

**SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)**

Not applicable.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Bylaw No. 9072 - The Electric Light and Power Amendment Bylaw, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff Jorgenson, General Manager  
Utility Services Department

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## BYLAW NO. 9072

### The Electric Light and Power Amendment Bylaw, 2012

The Council of The City of Saskatoon enacts:

#### Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as *The Electric Light and Power Amendment Bylaw, 2012*.

#### 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 2013.

#### Bylaw No. 2685 Amended

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

#### Section 1a Amended

4. Section 1a is amended by striking out "1a." and substituting "1.1".

#### Section 6(1) Amended

5. Section 6(1) is repealed and the following substituted:

"6.(1) From and after the 1st day of January, 2013, 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:

**Service Charge** ..... \$22.24 per month

**Energy Charge** ..... 12.24¢ per kWh

**Minimum Bill** ..... the service charge

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

**Service Charge** ..... \$28.06 per month

#### **Energy Charges**

First 14,500 kWh per month ..... 11.62¢ per kWh

Balance over 14,500 kWh per month ..... 6.78¢ per kWh

**Minimum Bill** ..... 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.

**Service Charge** ..... \$28.06 per month

**Energy Charges**

First 14,500 kWh per month .....11.62¢ per kWh

Balance over 14,500 kWh per month .....6.78¢ per kWh

**Demand Charges**

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

Balance over 50 kVA of  
billing demand per month .....\$12.34 per kVA

**Minimum Bill**

The service charge plus \$4.30 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 rates.

**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** ..... \$44.83 per month

**Energy Charges**

First 16,750 kWh per month .....10.37¢ per kWh

Balance over 16,750 kWh per month .....6.86¢ per kWh

**Demand Charges**

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

Balance over 50 kVA of  
billing demand per month .....\$13.04 per kVA

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

**Service Charge** ..... \$178.86 per month

**Energy Charges**.....6.61¢ per kWh

**Demand Charges**.....\$10.97 per kVA of billing demand per month

**Minimum Bill**

The service charge plus \$4.30 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 \$4.30 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** ..... \$44.83 per month



**Energy Charges**

First 16,750 kWh per month .....10.37¢ per kWh

Balance over 16,750 kWh per month .....6.86¢ per kWh

**Demand Charges**

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

Balance over 50 kVA of  
billing demand per month .....\$13.04 per kVA

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

**Service Charge** ..... \$178.86 per month

**Energy Charges** .....6.61¢ per kWh

**Demand Charges**.....\$10.97 per kVA of billing demand per month

**Minimum Bill**

The service charge plus \$4.30 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 \$4.30 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 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 70% 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**.....6.03¢ 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** .....6.67¢ per kWh

**Off-Peak Energy Charge**.....5.57¢ per kWh

**Demand Charges**.....\$9.18 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 \$8.57 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 .....\$9.07

**Minimum Bill** ..... \$15.92 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 .....\$3.94

**Minimum Bill** ..... \$15.92 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					\$14.57
SL14	70 W					\$15.17
SL15	100 W					\$15.62
SL16	150 W					\$19.51
SL17	250 W					\$22.45
SL18		100 W				\$14.87
SL19		150 W				\$16.52
SL20		250 W				\$20.12
SL21		400 W				\$24.95
SL22		1000 W				\$42.78
SL23	400 W					\$26.84
SL24					400 W	\$25.54
SL25		200 W				\$22.02
SL26			50 W			\$18.02
SL27			100 W			\$20.98
SL28			250 W			\$26.38
SL29				100 W		\$21.44

### SaskEnergy Rectifiers

To apply to all unmetered Cathodic Protection rectifiers.

#### Rate

Charge per rectifier per month.....\$22.56

#### Minimum Bill

Charge per rectifier ..... \$22.56 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.....\$59.08

**Minimum Bill**

Charge per power supply unit per month..... \$59.08 per unit”

**Coming into Force**

6. This Bylaw shall come into force on January 1, 2013.

Read a first time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

Read a second time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

Read a third time and passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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Mayor

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City Clerk