



MEDIA RELEASE: SaskWind requests Federal Environmental Assessment of SaskPower project

❖ SaskPower has not adequately considered alternatives prior to proposing Swift Current gas plant

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEEA) requires the Federal Government to seek public input as to whether a Federal Environmental Assessment is required for major infrastructure projects. SaskPower's Chinook, a proposed natural gas-fired power station in Swift Current, falls within the purview of the CEEA and consequently that public consultation has been ongoing since 19 October and finishes Tuesday. Nonetheless, and since today sees the entry into force of the international Paris Agreement - designed to limit global emissions of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) - it seems appropriate to mark the occasion by making [our submission](#) a few days early.

The GHG emissions of the Chinook project will represent 6.8% of SaskPower's total 2015 emissions and are therefore significant. If one assumes, as per Canada's ratification of the Paris Agreement, that climate change poses a real threat which requires concrete action by signatory nations; then it is reasonable to assume Chinook's GHG emissions will adversely affect Federal lands and lands outside of Saskatchewan. Wind energy represents an alternative means of carrying out the project which is technically and economically feasible, avoids substantially all of Chinook's GHG emissions and which has been insufficiently considered by SaskPower. We therefore recommend a Federal EA of the Chinook project.

Our submission directly responds to Premier Brad Wall's recent 'Climate Change White Paper' which states "*We have to take steps now to limit climate change: this fact is indisputable*".

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