

Backgrounder: SaskPower 10 Per Cent Rebate

A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will introduce a one-year, 10 per cent rebate on electricity charges on power bills for all SaskPower customers as part of the Saskatchewan Party's plan to support Saskatchewan's economic recovery from COVID-19 and make life more affordable for Saskatchewan people.

The 10 per cent rebate on the electrical charge on customer's SaskPower bills will come into effect on customers' December 2020 bills. Customers will receive monthly savings on their bills for 12 months starting in December 2020.

All SaskPower customers will benefit from the 10 per cent rebate, which is expected to cost approximately \$262 million.

Benefits to Customers:

Residential Customers:

- The SaskPower rebate will save residential customers a total of approximately \$57 million.
- The average residential customer will save \$215 through the rebate over the course of the 12-month period.

Farm Customers:

- The SaskPower rebate will save farm customers a total of approximately \$9 million.
- The average farm customers will save \$845 through the rebate over the course of the 12-month period.

School Divisions, Universities and Hospitals:

- School divisions, post-secondary institutions and hospitals are expected to save approximately \$9 million through the SaskPower rebate, including:
 - Approximately \$4 million in savings for post-secondary institutions.
 - Approximately \$3 million in savings for school boards.
 - Approximately \$2 million in savings for the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

Program Details

- Customers on an equalized payment plan will see their installment payments reduced by 10 per cent on their monthly bills.
- Residential customers who utilize net metering and generate their own power (such as customers who generate solar power) are not billed monthly for energy usage by SaskPower. These customers will receive a rebate over the 12-month period of \$215 – the equivalent savings for the average residential household.

- The rebate will be assessed on electrical charges to the customer, before municipal surcharges and taxes.
- For cities that manage their own power utility (Swift Current and Saskatoon), the rate charged to the city by SaskPower to these municipalities will be reduced by 10 per cent, with the expectation that the savings will be passed on to their municipal customers.
- While cities will benefit from lower electricity costs from the SaskPower rebate, the 12-month reduction in electrical charges will also reduce revenue from the municipal surcharges which are applied on customers SaskPower bills. SaskPower will work with cities to ensure that the net impact of the rebate (cost savings from the rebate vs reduced revenue from municipal surcharges) is equal to the amount of revenue cities would have received from municipal surcharges prior to the introduction of the SaskPower customer rebate.

Cost: \$261.6M

- **2020-21: \$87.2M**
- **2021-22: \$174.4M**