# THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015



# STRATEGIC DIRECTION

# Our vision

A world-leading power company through innovation, performance and service

# Our mission

Reliable, affordable, sustainable power

# Our values

Safety, dedication and respect

# Our core strategies and key priorities

# People

- Customer experience
- Workforce excellence
- Stakeholder relations

# **Financial**

Process efficiency and cost management

# Stewardship

- Infrastructure management, renewal and growth
- Supply mix diversification
- Environmental stewardship
- Technology enablement

# FINANCIAL AND OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

Financial Indicators						
	Three mon	ths ended Se	ptember 30	Nine mont	hs ended Sep	otember 30
(in millions)	2015	2014	Change	2015	2014	Change
Revenue	\$ 544	\$ 521	\$ 23	\$ 1,680	\$ 1,599	\$ 81
Expense	552	493	59	1,604	1,543	61
Income (loss) before unrealized market						
value adjustments	(8)	28	(36)	76	56	20
Net income (loss)	(29)	17	(46)	22	98	(76)
Capital expenditures	205	300	(95)	703	916	(213)
				Sept 30	Dec 31	
				2015	2014	Change
Long-term debt				\$ 4,782	\$ 4,355	\$ 427
Short-term advances				961	890	71
Finance lease obligations				1,137	1,138	(1)
				2015	2014	Change
Return on equity (operating) <sup>1</sup>				4.7%	3.4%	1.3%
Return on equity <sup>2</sup>				1.4%	5.9%	-4.5%
Per cent debt ratio <sup>3</sup>				74.6%	71.7%	2.9%

- 1. Return on equity (operating) = (annualized income before unrealized market value adjustments)/(average equity).
- 2. Return on equity = (annualized net income)/(average equity).
- 3. Per cent debt ratio = (debt)/(debt + equity), where debt = (long-term debt + short-term advances + finance lease obligations + bank indebtedness debt retirement funds cash and cash equivalents).

Operating Statistics						
	Three mont	hs ended Sep	tember 30	Nine mont	hs ended Sep	tember 30
(GWh) <sup>1</sup>	2015	2014	Change	2015	2014	Change
Saskatchewan electricity sales	5,242	5,107	135	16,163	15,809	354
Exports	13	19	(6)	62	88	(26)
Total electricity sales	5,255	5,126	129	16,225	15,897	328
Gross electricity supplied	5,751	5,492	259	17,722	17,283	439
Line losses	(496)	(366)	(130)	(1,497)	(1,386)	(111)
Net electricity supplied	5,255	5,126	129	16,225	15,897	328
Electricity trading purchases	21	37	(16)	77	154	(77)
Line losses	-	(1)	1	-	(2)	2
Electricity trading sales	21	36	(15)	77	152	(75)
Generating capacity (net MW) <sup>2</sup>	4,181	4,281	(100)	4,181	4,281	(100)
Peak load (net MW) <sup>2</sup>	3,331	3,131	200	3,628	3,451	177
Summer peak load (net MW) <sup>2</sup>	3,331	3,131	200	3,331	3,131	200
Customers	518,692	509,010	9,682	518,692	509,010	9,682

- 1. One gigawatt hour (GWh) is equivalent to the energy consumed by 125 typical houses in one year.
- 2. Megawatt (MW) is a unit of bulk power; 1,000 kilowatts. The unit generally used to describe the output of a commercial generator.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) highlights the primary factors that have an impact on the financial results and operations of Saskatchewan Power Corporation (SaskPower; the Corporation). It should be read in conjunction with the SaskPower unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and supporting notes for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. These condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 34, Interim Financial Reporting. The SaskPower Audit & Finance Committee of the Board of Directors has approved the condensed consolidated financial statements.

The MD&A contains forward-looking statements based on the Corporation's estimates and assumptions concerning future results and events. Due to the risks and uncertainties inherent in any forecasted outlook, the actual results of the Corporation could differ materially from those anticipated. These risks and uncertainties include natural gas prices; coal and hydro availability; weather; economic conditions; number of customers; and market conditions in other jurisdictions.

Financial results												
	Th	ree month	ns ei	nded Sep	ot∈	ember 30	Ν	ine month	ns e	nded Sep	tem	ber 30
(in millions)		2015		2014		Change		2015		2014	CI	nange
Revenue												
Saskatchewan electricity sales	\$	518	\$	488		\$ 30	\$	1,585	\$	1,515	\$	70
Exports		1		1		-		8		7		1
Net (costs) sales from electricity trading		(1)		1		(2)		(1)		(1)		-
Share of profit from equity accounted												
investees		-		1		(1)		1		2		(1)
Other revenue		26		30		(4)		87		76		11
		544		521		23		1,680		1,599		81
<b>-</b>												
Expense												
Fuel and purchased power		167		146		21		476		461		15
Operating, maintenance and				450		( <del>-</del> )						(0)
administration		151		158		(7)		473		481		(8)
Depreciation and amortization		116		98		18		332		286		46
Finance charges		95		83		12		263		234		29
Taxes		16		15		1		48		45		3
Other expenses		7		(7)		14		12		36		(24)
		552		493		59		1,604		1,543		61
Income (loss) before the following	\$	(8)	\$	28	9	\$ (36)	\$	76	\$	56	\$	20
Unrealized market value adjustments		(21)		(11)		(10)		(54)		42		(96)
Net income (loss)	\$	(29)	\$	17	\$	\$ (46)	\$	22	\$	98	\$	(76)
Return on equity (operating) <sup>1</sup>								4.7%		3.4%		1.3%
Return on equity <sup>2</sup>								1.4%		5.9%		-4.5%

<sup>1.</sup> Return on equity (operating) = (annualized income before unrealized market value adjustments)/(average equity).

<sup>2.</sup> Return on equity = (annualized net income)/(average equity).

# Highlights and summary of results

### Third Quarter

SaskPower's consolidated loss before unrealized market value adjustments was \$8 million in the third quarter of 2015 compared to consolidated income of \$28 million in the third quarter of 2014. The \$36 million decrease was due to higher expenses, offset by an increase in revenue.

Total revenue was up \$23 million in the third quarter of 2015, compared to the third quarter of 2014. The increase in revenue was attributable to a \$30 million increase in Saskatchewan electricity sales due to higher sales volumes as well as the 3.0% system-wide average rate increase that became effective January 1, 2015. An additional 2.0% rate increase effective September 1, 2015, also contributed to the higher revenue realized in the third quarter. These increases were offset by a decrease of \$2 million in exports and electricity trading due to a decrease in sales prices and volumes sold in Alberta. In addition, other revenue decreased \$4 million primarily due to a reduction in joint use charges.

Total expense increased \$59 million in the third quarter of 2015, compared to the third quarter of 2014. Fuel and purchased power costs increased \$21 million largely as a result of an unfavourable change in the fuel mix due to lower hydro generation being replaced by more expensive natural gas generation. Depreciation expense increased \$18 million compared to the same period in 2014 as a result of significant investments in the Corporation's property, plant and equipment. Other expenses increased \$14 million mainly due to the reversal of the impairment loss on Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters recognized in the third quarter of 2014 as a result of an agreement with the supplier for reimbursement of all purchased meter costs. In addition, finance charges increased \$12 million compared to the same period in 2014 due to additional interest incurred as a result of higher debt levels required to finance SaskPower's capital expenditures, as well as lower interest capitalized. Taxes were up \$1 million as a result of an increase in the Corporation's capital tax base. These increases were slightly offset by a \$7 million decrease in operating, maintenance and administration (OM&A) expense due to reduced maintenance and cost-cutting initiatives as compared to the third quarter of 2014.

SaskPower reported \$21 million of unrealized market value net losses in the third quarter of 2015, compared to \$11 million in the third quarter of 2014. The unrealized market value adjustments represent the change in the market value of the Corporation's outstanding natural gas hedges; natural gas inventory; electricity contracts; and debt retirement funds at period-end.

The net impact of SaskPower's operating results plus unrealized losses was a consolidated loss of \$29 million in the third quarter of 2015 compared to consolidated income of \$17 million in the third quarter of 2014.

# Year-to-Date

SaskPower's consolidated income before unrealized market value adjustments was \$76 million in the first nine months of 2015 compared to \$56 million in the first nine months of 2014. The \$20 million increase was due to higher revenue offset by an increase in expenses. The operating return on equity was 4.7%, up more than one percentage point from the previous period.

Total revenue was up \$81 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to the first nine months of 2014. The improvement in revenue was attributable to a \$70 million increase in Saskatchewan electricity sales due to higher sales volumes, as well as the 3.0% system-wide average rate increase that became effective January 1, 2015. An additional 2.0% rate increase effective September 1, 2015, also contributed to the higher revenue realized in the first nine months of 2015. In addition, other revenue increased \$11 million primarily as a result of higher customer contributions, as well as carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) sales, and fees for the use of the Shand Carbon Capture Test Facility.

Total expense increased \$61 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to the first nine months of 2014. Depreciation expense was up \$46 million compared to the same period in 2014 as a result of significant investments in the Corporation's property, plant and equipment. Finance charges increased \$29 million due to additional interest expense incurred as a result of higher debt levels required to finance SaskPower's capital expenditures, and lower interest capitalized, offset by higher debt retirement earnings. Fuel and purchased power costs increased \$15 million largely as a result of an unfavourable change in the fuel mix due to lower hydro generation being replaced by more expensive natural gas generation. The increased fuel costs were partially offset by a decline in natural gas prices. Taxes were up \$3 million as a result of an increase in the Corporation's capital tax base. These increases were partially offset by other expenses, which decreased by \$24 million largely due to the impairment loss on AMI meters recognized in 2014. In addition, OM&A expense was down \$8 million due to reduced maintenance and cost-cutting initiatives as compared to the first nine months of 2014.

SaskPower reported \$54 million of unrealized market value net losses in the first nine months of 2015, compared to \$42 million in net gains in the first nine months of 2014. The unrealized market value adjustments represent the change in the market value of the Corporation's outstanding natural gas hedges; natural gas inventory; electricity contracts; and debt retirement funds at period-end.

The net impact of SaskPower's operating results plus unrealized market value adjustments was consolidated income of \$22 million in the first nine months of 2015 compared to \$98 million in the first nine months of 2014.

# Outlook

SaskPower's income before unrealized market value adjustments is expected to be \$113 million in 2015, a \$70 million improvement from 2014. Net income is expected to be \$64 million in 2015, resulting in a return on equity of 2.9%.

Revenues of \$2.3 billion are expected to increase \$143 million due to the system-wide average rate increase of 3.0% that became effective January 1, 2015, in conjunction with the additional 2.0% rate increase effective September 1, 2015, and a 458 GWh or 2.1% increase in electricity sales volumes.

The increase in revenue, however, is expected to be partially offset by a \$73 million increase in expenses in 2015. The primary driver is an \$81 million increase in capital-related expenses, including depreciation, finance charges, taxes and other expenses. SaskPower invested \$1.279 billion in capital in 2014, and an additional \$1.067 billion is expected to be invested in 2015.

Fuel and purchased power costs are expected to increase \$4 million as a result of higher generation volumes to source increased demand, as well as the replacement of lower cost hydro generation with more expensive natural gas generation. OM&A expense is expected to decrease \$12 million due to reduced maintenance and cost-cutting initiatives.

Offsetting the positive income results are unrealized market value adjustments related to the Corporation's natural gas contracts, electricity contracts and debt retirement funds, which are expected to be in a \$49 million net loss position at year-end compared to a net gain position of \$17 million at the end of 2014.

Capital expenditures in 2015 are forecast to be approximately \$1.067 billion. This includes \$627 million in costs to improve and expand the Corporation's transmission and distribution infrastructure, including the new I1K transmission line and connecting new customers to SaskPower's grid; \$159 million on the expansion of Queen Elizabeth Power Station; and \$121 million to maintain and refurbish the existing generation fleet.

# Revenue

Saskatchewan electricity sales												
	T	hree mont	ths	ended Sej	ote	mber 30	1	Vine mont	hs e	ended Sep	otem	oer 30
(in millions)		2015		2014	(	Change		2015		2014	Ch	ange
Saskatchewan electricity sales	\$	518	\$	488	\$	30	\$	1,585	\$	1,515	\$	70

Saskatchewan electricity sales represent the sale of electricity to all customer classes within the province. These sales are subject to the effects of general economic conditions, number of customers, weather and electricity rates.

Saskatchewan electricity sales for the third quarter of 2015 were \$518 million, up \$30 million from the third quarter of 2014, and \$1,585 million in the first nine months of 2015, up \$70 million from the first nine months of 2014. The increase was due to higher electricity sales volumes, as well as the 3.0% system-wide average rate increase that became effective January 1, 2015. An additional 2.0% rate increase became effective September 1, 2015, which also contributed to the higher revenue realized in the third quarter of 2015. Electricity sales volumes to Saskatchewan customers for the first nine months of 2015 were 16,163 GWh, up 354 GWh or 2.2% from the same period in 2014. The Corporation experienced growth in demand from power, oilfield and commercial customer classes.

Exports						
	Three mont	ths ended :	September 30	Nine mont	hs ended Se	ptember 30
(in millions)	2015	2014	Change	2015	2014	Change
Exports	\$ 1	\$	1 \$ -	\$ 8	\$ 7	\$ 1

Exports represent the sale of SaskPower's available generation to other regions in Canada and the United States. The bulk of SaskPower's exports are traditionally made to the neighbouring Alberta and Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) markets. Export pricing is not subject to the rate review process but is determined based on market conditions in other jurisdictions. Export sales volumes are dependent on the availability of SaskPower generation, market conditions in other jurisdictions, and transmission availability.

Exports were \$1 million in the third quarter of 2015, consistent with the third quarter of 2014, and \$8 million in the first nine months of 2015, up \$1 million from the first nine months of 2014. Exports were up due to an increase in sales prices in Alberta, offset by a decrease in sales volumes. Export sales volumes decreased 26 GWh or 30% during the first nine months of 2015, compared to the first nine months of 2014.

Net (costs) sales from electricity tra	dir	ng										
	T	hree mont	hs e	ended Sep	otei	mber 30	١	line mont	hs ∈	ended Sep	ten	nber 30
(in millions)		2015		2014		Change		2015		2014	С	hange
Electricity trading revenue	\$	2	\$	4	\$	(2)	\$	6	\$	10	\$	(4)
Electricity trading costs		(3)		(3)		-		(7)		(11)		4
Net (costs) sales from electricity												
trading	\$	(1)	\$	1	\$	(2)	\$	(1)	\$	(1)	\$	

Electricity trading activities, performed by SaskPower's subsidiary NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc., include the purchase and resale of electricity and other derivatives in regions outside Saskatchewan. The trading activities include both real time as well as short- to long-term physical and financial trades in the North American market. The trading activities are intended to deliver positive gross margins to SaskPower's bottom line while operating within an acceptable level of risk.

Net costs from electricity trading were \$1 million in the third quarter of 2015 compared to \$1 million of net sales in the same period in 2014, and \$1 million of net costs in the first nine months of 2015, consistent with the first nine months of 2014. SaskPower's low trading earnings are the result of limited economic trading opportunities in Alberta.

Share of profit from equity accoun	ted investe	es						
	Three mon	ths ended	Septem	nber 30	Nine mont	hs ended	Septem	nber 30
(in millions)	2015	2014	Cl	nange	2015	2014	С	hange
Share of profit from equity								
accounted investees	\$ -	\$	1 \$	(1)	\$ 1	\$	2 \$	(1)

SaskPower accounts for its 30% ownership in the MRM Cogeneration Station using the equity method. The MRM Cogeneration Station is a 172-megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired cogeneration facility located at the Athabasca Oil Sands Project's Muskeg River Mine, north of Fort McMurray, Alberta. The electricity generated by the facility is used by the mine, with excess energy delivered to the Alberta power grid.

SaskPower's share of profit from its investment in the MRM Cogeneration Station was \$1 million for the first nine months of 2015, a decrease of \$1 million compared to the same period in 2014, due to a major overhaul that occurred in 2015 which resulted in lower merchant sales at lower margins.

Other revenue											
	TI	nree mont	hs	ended Sep	ote	mber 30	Nine mont	hs e	ended Sep	otemb	er 30
(in millions)		2015		2014	(	Change	2015		2014	Ch	ange
Other revenue	\$	26	\$	30	\$	(4)	\$ 87	\$	76	\$	11

Other revenue includes various non-electricity products and services. Other revenue was \$26 million in the third quarter of 2015 compared to \$30 million in the third quarter of 2014, and \$87 million in the first nine months of 2015 compared to \$76 million in the first nine months of 2014. The \$11 million increase was primarily due to higher customer contributions, which were up \$7 million. Customer contributions are funds received from certain customers for the costs of service extensions. These contributions are generally recognized immediately in profit or loss when the related property, plant and equipment is available for use.

In addition, sales of carbon dioxide  $(CO_2)$  and fees for the use of the Shand Carbon Capture Test Facility contributed \$8 million of additional revenue in the first nine months of 2015. These increases were offset by a \$4 million reduction in joint use charges.

# Expense

Fuel and purchased power												
	T	hree mont	ths	ended Se <sub>l</sub>	pter	mber 30	١	Vine mont	hs e	ended Sep	otem	ber 30
(in millions)		2015		2014	C	Change		2015		2014	CI	nange
Fuel and purchased power	\$	167	\$	146	\$	21	\$	476	\$	461	\$	15

SaskPower's fuel and purchased power costs include the fuel charges associated with the electricity generated from SaskPower-owned facilities and through power purchase agreements, as well as electricity imported from markets outside Saskatchewan. This electricity is used to serve the Corporation's Saskatchewan customers, with surplus electricity being sold to markets outside the province when favourable conditions exist.

SaskPower's fuel cost management strategy focuses on the economic dispatch of the generating units that bring the lowest incremental cost units on stream first. In general, this means maximizing hydro and coal generation, which have a low incremental cost per unit of generation. Hydro generation is dependent upon water levels and river flow at SaskPower's hydro facilities and coal generation is a product of the availability of our coal plants. Wind generation, the lowest incremental cost source of electricity, cannot be dispatched on a planned basis as it is dependent upon wind conditions.

Fuel and purchased power costs were \$167 million in the third quarter of 2015, up \$21 million from the third quarter of 2014 and \$476 million in the first nine months of 2015, up \$15 million from the first nine months of 2014. The \$15 million increase is the result of an unfavourable fuel mix and volume variance offset by a favourable price variance.

Total generation and purchased power was 17,722 GWh in the first nine months of 2015, an increase of 439 GWh or 2.5% compared to the same period in 2014. The higher demand resulted in an estimated \$12 million increase in fuel and purchased power costs.

The fuel mix is the relative proportion that each fuel source contributes to our total fuel supply. The more energy that is generated from lower incremental cost units such as hydro, coal and wind, the more favourable the impact on fuel and purchased power costs. During the first nine months of 2015, the Corporation's hydro generation accounted for 15% of total generation, down 6% compared to the first nine months of 2014. The decreased hydro generation was replaced with more expensive natural gas generation. The unfavourable change in the fuel mix resulted in an estimated \$21 million increase in fuel and purchased power costs.

The average price of fuel decreased as a result of lower natural gas prices, with average prices decreasing approximately \$0.76 per gigajoule. The lower fuel prices resulted in an \$18 million decrease in fuel and purchased power costs.

Operating, maintenance and adm	nini	istration (	(O)	√&A)								
	T	hree mont	hs	ended Se <sub>l</sub>	oter	mber 30	1	Vine mont	hs e	ended Sep	otem	iber 30
(in millions)		2015		2014	C	Change		2015		2014	С	hange
OM&A	\$	151	\$	158	\$	(7)	\$	473	\$	481	\$	(8)

OM&A expense was \$151 million in the third quarter of 2015, down \$7 million from the third quarter of 2014 and \$473 million in the first nine months of 2015, down \$8 million from the first nine months of 2014. The decline in operating expense was due to reduced maintenance and cost-cutting initiatives.

Depreciation and amortization												
	T	hree mont	hs	ended Se	pte	mber 30	1	Vine mont	hs e	ended Sep	oteml	oer 30
(in millions)		2015		2014	(	Change		2015		2014	Ch	ange
Depreciation and amortization	\$	116	\$	98	\$	18	\$	332	\$	286	\$	46

Depreciation represents a charge to income for the capital expenditures of SaskPower. The capital expenditures are amortized to income on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of each component of property, plant and equipment. Depreciation rates are established based on periodic depreciation studies.

Depreciation expense was \$116 million in the third quarter of 2015, up \$18 million from the third quarter of 2014, and \$332 million in the first nine months of 2015, up \$46 million from the first nine months of 2014. The rise in depreciation expense was primarily attributable to an increase in property, plant and equipment as a result of ongoing capital expenditures. As well, following the completion of an internal depreciation study in 2014, the estimated useful lives of certain asset components were changed. The changes in estimates were applied prospectively January 1, 2015, and resulted in approximately a \$5 million increase to depreciation expense in the first nine months of 2015.

Finance charges												
	Thr	ee mont	hs (	ended Se <sub>l</sub>	otei	mber 30	١	Nine mont	hs e	ended Sep	temb	er 30
(in millions)		2015		2014		Change		2015		2014	Cha	ange
Finance charges	\$	95	\$	83	\$	12	\$	263	\$	234	\$	29

Finance charges include the net of interest on long-term and short-term debt; interest on finance leases; interest on employee benefit plans; interest on provisions; interest capitalized; debt retirement fund earnings; and interest income.

Finance charges were \$95 million in the third quarter of 2015 compared to \$83 million in the third quarter of 2014 and \$263 million in the first nine months of 2015 compared to \$234 million in the first nine months of 2014. The \$29 million increase in finance charges was attributable to an additional \$16 million in interest expense incurred as a result of higher debt levels required to finance SaskPower's capital expenditures, as well as a \$26 million decrease in interest capitalized. These amounts were offset by a \$13 million increase in debt retirement fund earnings compared to the prior year.

Taxes														
	Three months ended September 30						Nine months ended September 3							
(in millions)		2015		2014	C	Change		2015		2014	Ch	ange		
Taxes	\$	16	\$	15	\$	1	\$	48	\$	45	\$	3		

Taxes represent the payment of corporation capital tax to the Province of Saskatchewan and grants-in-lieu of taxes paid to 13 cities in Saskatchewan. Taxes were \$48 million in the first nine months of 2015, up \$3 million from the first nine months of 2014, due to higher corporate capital tax as a result of growth in the Corporation's capital tax base.

Other expenses												
	Three months ended September 30					Nine months ended September 3						
(in millions)	2015		2014	(	Change		2015		2014	Cha	ange	
Other expenses	\$	7 \$	5 (7	) \$	14	\$	12	\$	36	\$	(24)	

Other expenses include asset impairment losses; net losses on asset disposals and retirements; inventory adjustments; foreign exchange; and environmental remediation activities. Other expenses were \$12 million in the first nine months of 2015, down \$24 million compared to the first nine months of 2014. The decrease was largely due to the net \$17 million impairment loss recognized in 2014 as a result of the decision to replace the Corporation's AMI meters with legacy meters. The remaining decrease was due to a \$4 million reduction in inventory adjustments, a \$1 million decrease in net losses on asset disposals and retirements, and foreign exchange gains of \$2 million.

Unrealized market value adjustmen	nts										
Three months ended September 30							Nine mon	ths (	ended Sep	otem	oer 30
(in millions)		2015		2014	Chang	е	2015		2014	Ch	ange
Natural gas contracts gains (losses)	\$	(12)	\$	(13)	\$	1	\$ (29)	\$	17	\$	(46)
Natural gas inventory revaluation		(1)		(1)		-	(1)	)	(1)		-
Electricity contracts gains (losses)		(1)		(1)		-	(4)	)	2		(6)
Debt retirement funds gains (losses)		(7)		4	(	(11)	(20)	)	24		(44)
Unrealized market value adjustments	\$	(21)	\$	(11)	\$ (	(10)	\$ (54)	\$	42	\$	(96)

Unrealized market value adjustments represent the change in the market value of the Corporation's outstanding natural gas hedges; natural gas inventory; electricity contracts; and debt retirement funds at period-end. These non-cash transactions resulted in a net market value loss for the first nine months of 2015 of \$54 million compared to a net gain of \$42 million in the first nine months of 2014.

SaskPower had outstanding natural gas hedges of approximately 121 million notional gigajoules (GJs) to cap the price of natural gas on a portion of the Corporation's anticipated natural gas needs for the remainder of 2015 through 2025. The unrealized market value losses on these outstanding natural gas hedges and forward natural gas contracts were \$29 million. The losses are the result of a decline in the forward price of natural gas and the settlement of natural gas hedge contracts. Market value adjustments on natural gas hedges are subject to significant volatility based on movements in the forward price of natural gas.

Unrealized market value losses related to SaskPower's outstanding electricity derivative contracts were \$4 million, a \$6 million decrease from the prior year, as a result of the reversal of prior year gains related to fixed price forward agreements during the first nine months of 2015.

The net realizable value of the Corporation's natural gas inventory held in storage has also declined. As a result, SaskPower recognized a \$1 million write-down of its natural gas inventory in the first nine months of 2015.

The Corporation also recorded \$20 million in market value losses related to its debt retirement funds, which represents a \$44 million decrease compared to the same period in 2014. The decline in the value of the debt retirement funds is primarily due to an increase in long-term interest rates which negatively impacts the value of the bonds in the debt retirement fund portfolio.

# **Financial Condition**

The following chart outlines changes in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position from December 31, 2014, to September 30, 2015:

Financial Condition	
	Increase /
(in millions)	(Decrease)
Cash and cash equivalents (bank indebtedness)	\$ 5
Refer to Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.	
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue	11
Margin deposits on natural gas derivatives, and timing of receipts.	
Inventory	4
Increase in maintenance supplies.	
Prepaid expenses	6
Increase in prepaid employee benefits and other prepaid expenses.	
Property, plant and equipment	363
Capital additions, offset by depreciation, disposals, and retirements.	
Intangible assets	(8)
Amortization expense less capitalization of new software costs.	
Debt retirement funds	46
Instalments and earnings offset by market value losses.	
Investments accounted for using equity method	1
MRM equity investment income.	
Other assets	(1)
Amortization of long-term coal supply agreements.	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(90)
Timing of payments.	
Accrued interest	(9)
Timing of interest payments.	
Risk management liabilities (net of risk management assets)	15
Losses on natural gas hedges offset by an increase in the fair value of bond forward agreements.	
Short-term advances	71
Increase in short-term borrowings.	
Long-term debt (including current portion)	427
New borrowings offset by repayments and amortization of debt premiums.	
Finance lease obligations (including current portion)	(1)
Principal repayment of finance lease obligations.	
Employee benefits	13
Actuarial losses on the defined benefit pension plan.	
Provisions	6
Additional decommissioning provisions established.	
Equity	(5)
2015 comprehensive loss.	

# Liquidity and Capital Resources

# Cash flow highlightsSeptember 30<br/>(in millions)December 31<br/>2015December 31<br/>2014ChangeCash and cash equivalents (bank indebtedness)\$ 3 \$ (2) \$ 5

The Corporation's cash position increased \$5 million from December 31, 2014. The \$5 million increase was the result of \$259 million provided by operating activities and \$422 million provided by financing activities, offset by \$676 million used in investing activities.

a) Operating activities												
	Three months ended September 30 Nine months ended September 30									er 30		
(in millions)		2015		2014	С	hange		2015		2014	Ch	ange
Cash provided by operating activities	\$	85	\$	16	\$	69	\$	259	\$	243	\$	16

Cash provided by operating activities was \$259 million in the first nine months of 2015, up \$16 million from the first nine months of 2014. The increase was primarily the result of an increase in income before unrealized market value adjustments.

b) Investing activities												
	Three months ended September 30						Nine months ended September 30					
(in millions)		2015		2014		Change		2015		2014	(	Change
Generation	\$	64	\$	145	\$	(81)	\$	236	\$	419	\$	(183)
Transmission & Distribution		114		155		(41)		414		446		(32)
Other		27		-		27		53		51		2
Total capital expenditures	\$	205	\$	300	\$	(95)	\$	703	\$	916	\$	(213)
Less: Interest capitalized		(7)		(15)		8		(27)		(53)		26
Net costs of removal of assets		-		-		-		-		2		(2)
Distributions from equity												
accounted investees		-		-		-		-		(2)		2
Cash used in investing activities	\$	198	\$	285	\$	(87)	\$	676	\$	863	\$	(187)

In order to ensure a safe, reliable, and sustainable supply of electricity for its customers, SaskPower invested \$703 million in the first nine months of 2015 on various capital projects. This includes \$127 million to connect customers to the SaskPower electric system; \$76 million on the I1K transmission line; \$178 million on increasing capacity and sustaining transmission and distribution infrastructure; \$149 million on the repowering of the Queen Elizabeth Power Station; and \$25 million on Information Technology projects.

c) Financing activities												
	Three months ended September 30						Nine months ended September 30					
(in millions)	20	015	:	2014		Change		2015		2014	С	hange
Net proceeds from short-term												
advances	\$	123	\$	266	\$	(143)	\$	71	\$	75	\$	(4)
Proceeds from long-term debt		-		-		-		432		574		(142)
Repayments of long-term debt		(1)		(1)		-		(3)		(3)		-
Debt retirement fund instalments		(10)		(10)		-		(41)		(34)		(7)
Principal repayment of finance lease												
obligations		(2)		(1)		(1)		(6)		(4)		(2)
Increase in long-term liabilities		3		13		(10)		5		16		(11)
Realized losses on cash flow hedges		-		-		-		(36)		-		(36)
Cash provided by financing activities	\$	113	\$	267	\$	(154)	\$	422	\$	624	\$	(202)

In the first nine months of 2015, \$422 million of cash was provided by financing activities, down \$202 million compared to the first nine months of 2014. The cash was used to finance the Corporation's capital program.

# Capital management

	September 30	December 31	
(in millions)	2015	2014	Change
Long-term debt	\$ 4,782	\$ 4,355	\$ 427
Short-term advances	961	890	71
Finance lease obligations	1,137	1,138	(1)
Total debt	6,880	6,383	497
Debt retirement funds	503	457	46
Cash and cash equivalents (bank indebtedness)	3	(2)	5
Total net debt	\$ 6,374	\$ 5,928	\$ 446
Retained earnings	1,543	1,521	22
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(30)	(3)	(27)
Equity advances	660	660	-
Total capital	\$ 8,547	\$ 8,106	\$ 441
Per cent debt ratio <sup>1</sup>	74.6%	73.1%	1.5%

<sup>1.</sup> Per cent debt ratio = (debt)/(debt + equity), where debt = (long-term debt + short-term advances + finance lease obligations + bank indebtedness - debt retirement funds - cash and cash equivalents).

SaskPower's total debt position (including finance lease obligations) was \$6,880 million at September 30, 2015, up \$497 million from December 31, 2014. The increase in total debt was the result of:

- On February 5, 2015, the Corporation borrowed \$200 million of long-term debt at a premium of \$48 million. The debt issue has a coupon rate of 3.90%, an effective interest rate of 2.73%, and matures on June 2, 2045.
- On May 26, 2015, the Corporation borrowed \$200 million of long-term debt at a discount of \$16 million. The debt issue has a coupon rate of 2.75%, an effective interest rate of 3.15%, and matures on December 2, 2046.
- The Corporation borrowed an additional \$71 million in short-term advances.
- This increase in short- and long-term debt was offset by \$3 million the repayment of non-recourse debt; \$2 million of amortization of debt premiums; and \$1 million in finance lease repayments.

The Corporation's per cent debt ratio has increased slightly from 73.1% at the end of 2014 to 74.6% as at September 30, 2015.

### Debt retirement fund instalments

Nine months ended September 30

(in millions)	2015	2014		Change
Debt retirement fund instalments	\$ 41	\$	34 \$	7

Debt retirement funds are monies set aside to retire outstanding long-term debt upon maturity. SaskPower makes regular contributions to the funds, which are held and invested by the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue Fund.

During the first nine months of 2015, the Corporation made \$41 million in contributions to the debt retirement funds on outstanding debt issues as required by the terms of the advances from the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue Fund. SaskPower also earned \$25 million (included with finance charges and classified as non-cash operating activities), on the debt retirement funds for the period.

# Dividends

Historically, SaskPower has paid dividends to Crown Investments Corporation (CIC) of Saskatchewan based on the CIC Dividend Policy. CIC has determined that SaskPower will not be required to pay dividends in 2015 due to the significant investments in property, plant and equipment of the Corporation.

# Contractual obligations

The Corporation has the following significant long-term contractual obligations as at September 30, 2015, which will impact cash flows in 2015 and beyond:

				-	More than
(in millions)	1 year	1 -	- 5 years		5 years
Long-term debt (including principal and interest)	\$ 245	\$	1,171	\$	7,929
Debt retirement fund instalments	43		178		799
Future minimum lease payments	170		717		2,355

SaskPower's financing requirements for the next 12 months will include \$245 million in principal and interest payments, \$43 million of debt retirement fund instalments, and \$170 million in minimum lease payments under existing power purchase agreements. Included in the future minimum lease payments above, is the availability payments related to the power purchase agreements (PPAs) which have been classified as finance leases. SaskPower evaluates the need for additional borrowings throughout the year.

# **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income (Loss)**

	Three mor	udited) nths ended mber 30	(Unaudited) Nine months ended September 30					
(in millions)	2015	2014	2015	2014				
Revenue Saskatchewan electricity sales	\$ 518	(Note 2h) \$ 488	\$ 1,585	(Note 2h) \$ 1,515				
Exports  Net (costs) sales from electricity trading  Share of profit from equity accounted investees	1 (1) -	1 1 1	8 (1) 1	7 (1) 2				
Other revenue	26 544	30 521	87 1,680	76 1,599				
Expense								
Fuel and purchased power  Operating, maintenance and administration	167 151	146 158	476 473	461 481				
Depreciation and amortization Finance charges	116 95	98 83	332 263	286 234				
Taxes Other expenses	16 7	15 (7)	48	45 36				
	552	493	1,604	1,543				
Income (loss) before the following	(8)	28	76	56				
Unrealized market value adjustments	(21)	(11)	(54)	42				
Net income (loss)	\$ (29)	\$ 17	\$ 22	\$ 98				

# **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

		(Unau	dited)	(Unaudited)						
		Three mor	ths ended		Nine months ended					
		Septen	nber 30	September 30						
(in millions)		2015	2014			2015	20	)14		
Net income (loss)	\$	(29)	\$	17	\$	22	\$	98		
Other comprehensive income (loss)										
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to										
net income:										
Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges:										
Change in fair value during the year		(11)		(7)		18		(13)		
Realized losses during the year		-		-		(36)		-		
Reclassification to income		-		-		-		(1)		
Items that will not be reclassified to net income:										
Defined benefit pension plans:										
Net actuarial losses		(30)		(22)		(9)		(52)		
		(41)		(29)		(27)		(66)		
Total accomplished in a constitution	<b>.</b>	(70)	Φ.	(10)	<b>.</b>	<b>(E)</b>	ф	22		
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$	(70)	<b>&gt;</b>	(12)	\$	(5)	<b>\$</b>	32		

# **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

(in millions) As at	(Unaudited) September 30 2015	(Audited *) December 31 2014
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3	\$ -
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue	326	315
Inventory	222	218
Prepaid expenses	17	11
Risk management assets (Note 6)	11	7
	579	551
Property, plant and equipment (Note 3)	8,911	8,548
Intangible assets	65	73
Debt retirement funds	503	457
Investments accounted for using equity method	41	40
Other assets	4	5
Total assets	\$ 10,103	\$ 9,674
Current liabilities Bank indebtedness Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Accrued interest Risk management liabilities (Note 6) Short-term advances	\$ - 442 48 115 961	\$ 2 532 57 96 890
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 4)	5	5
Current portion of finance lease obligations (Note 5)	10	8
	1,581	1,590
Long-term debt (Note 4)	4,777	4,350
Finance lease obligations (Note 5)	1,127	1,130
Employee benefits	246	233
Provisions	199	193
Total liabilities	7,930	7,496
Equity		
Retained earnings	1,543	1,521
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(30)	(3)
Equity advances	660	660
Total equity	2,173	2,178
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 10,103	\$ 9,674

<sup>\*</sup>As presented in the audited December 31, 2014, consolidated statement of financial position.

# **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

# Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)

			Incom	e (10	<u>0221</u>			
		Ν	et gains (losses)		Net actuarial			
			on derivatives	g	ains (losses) on			
	Retained		designated as	С	defined benefit	Equity	(I	Jnaudited)
(in millions)	earnings	Cá	ash flow hedges		pension plans	advances		Total
Equity								
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 1,461	\$	47	\$	55	\$ 660	\$	2,223
Net income	98		-		-	-		98
Other comprehensive loss	-		(14)		(52)	-		(66)
Balance, September 30, 2014	\$ 1,559	\$	33	\$	3	\$ 660	\$	2,255
Net loss	(38)		-		-	-		(38)
Other comprehensive loss	-		(18)		(21)	-		(39)
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$ 1,521	\$	15	\$	(18)	\$ 660	\$	2,178
Net income	22		-		-	-		22
Other comprehensive loss	-		(18)		(9)	-		(27)
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$ 1,543	\$	(3)	\$	(27)	\$ 660	\$	2,173

# Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

Condensed Consolidated States	(Unau Three mor	udited) nths ended nber 30	(Unaudited) Nine months ended September 30					
(in millions)	2015	2014	2015	2014				
Operating activities								
Net income (loss)	\$ (29)	\$ 17	\$ 22	\$ 98				
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to cash provided by operating activities  Depreciation and amortization	116	98	332	286				
Finance charges Losses on asset disposals and retirements	95 6	83 7	263 11	234 12				
Asset impairment losses Unrealized market value adjustments	- 21	(21) 11	- 54	17 (42)				
Employee benefits  Share of profit from equity accounted investees	-	- (1)	(4) (1)	(3) (2)				
Allowance for obsolescence Environmental expenditures	(1) 208	3 (3) 194	(3) 675	(5) 597				
Net change in non-cash working capital	(9)		(101)	(51)				
Interest paid	(114)	(114)	(315)	(303)				
Cash provided by operating activities	85	16	259	243				
Investing activities Property, plant and equipment additions Intangible assets additions Net costs of removal of assets Distributions from equity accounted investees	(194) (4) - -	(280) (5) - -	(663) (13) - -	(852) (11) (2) 2				
Cash used in investing activities	(198)	(285)	(676)	(863)				
Decrease in cash before financing activities	(113)	(269)	(417)	(620)				
Financing activities  Net proceeds from short-term advances  Proceeds from long-term debt	123	266 -	71 432	75 574				
Repayments of long-term debt  Debt retirement fund instalments	(1) (10)	(10)	(3) (41)	(3) (34)				
Principal repayment of finance lease obligations Increase in long-term liabilities Realized losses on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	(2)	(1) 13	(6) 5 (36)	(4) 16				
Cash provided by financing activities	113	267	422	624				
(Decrease) increase in cash	-	(2)	5	4				
Cash and cash equivalents (bank indebtedness), beginning of period	3	4	(2)	(2)				
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 3	\$ 2	\$ 3	\$ 2				

# 1. Description of business

Saskatchewan Power Corporation (SaskPower; the Corporation), a provincially-owned Crown corporation, generates, purchases, transmits, distributes and sells electricity and related products and services. Founded as the Saskatchewan Power Commission in 1929, SaskPower was set up in 1949 and operates primarily under the mandate and authority of *The Power Corporation Act*. SaskPower's head office is located at 2025 Victoria Avenue in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, S4P 0S1.

By virtue of *The Crown Corporations* Act, 1993, SaskPower has been designated a subsidiary of Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan (CIC), a provincial Crown corporation. Accordingly, the financial results of the Corporation are included in the consolidated financial statements of CIC. As a provincial Crown corporation, the Corporation is not subject to federal and provincial income taxes.

# 2. Basis of preparation

# (a) Statement of compliance

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 34, Interim Financial Reporting. These condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all of the disclosures included in the Corporation's annual consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, these condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's most recent annual consolidated financial statements.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of these condensed consolidated financial statements conform with those used in the Corporation's most recent annual consolidated financial statements.

The condensed consolidated financial statements were authorized for issue by the Audit & Finance Committee of the Board of Directors on November 25, 2015.

### (b) Interim measurement

SaskPower's Saskatchewan electric sales to residential and commercial customers are seasonal, with the first and fourth quarters being the strongest periods, reflecting colder weather and fewer daylight hours.

### (c) Basis of measurement

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following material items in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position:

- Inventory at lower of cost and net realizable value.
- Financial instruments that are accounted for at fair value through profit or loss.
- Provisions.
- Employee benefit plan's accrued benefit obligations.

# (d) Functional and presentation currency

These condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Corporation's functional currency. All financial information presented in Canadian dollars has been rounded to the nearest million.

### (e) Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the principal or most advantageous market at the measurement date under current market conditions (exit price). SaskPower's own credit risk and the credit risk of the counterparty have been taken into account in determining the fair value of financial assets and liabilities, including derivative instruments. The Corporation has classified the fair value of its financial instruments as level 1, 2, or 3 (Note 6) as defined below:

- Level 1 Fair values are determined using inputs that are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities to which the Corporation has immediate access.
- Level 2 Fair values are determined using inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. The debt retirement funds are valued by the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance using information provided by investment dealers. To the extent possible, valuations reflect indicative secondary pricing for these securities. In all other circumstances, valuations are determined with reference to similar actively traded instruments. The fair value of long-term debt is determined by the present value of future cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest for the same or similar debt instruments.

Natural gas fixed price swap contract values are calculated using internal discounted cash flow models that rely on forward AECO C natural gas pricing provided by independent reference dealers. The contracted cash flows are discounted using observable yield curves.

Electricity contract fair values are determined using independent pricing information from external market providers.

Bond forward agreement fair values are determined using internal discounted cash flow models that rely on forward Government of Canada bond yields provided by independent reference dealers. The contracted cash flows are discounted using observable yield curves.

Level 3 – Fair values are determined based on inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data. The finance lease obligations are valued using internal cash flow models based on contracted pricing in the Corporation's PPAs. The contracted cash flows are discounted using the Government of Saskatchewan bond yields adjusted for a negotiated risk premium.

# (f) Use of estimates and judgments

The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates are:

- Electricity deliveries not yet billed at period-end and allowance for doubtful accounts.
- Net realizable value and allowance for inventory obsolescence.
- Underlying estimates of useful lives and related depreciation and accumulated depreciation.
- Carrying amounts of decommissioning and environmental remediation provisions and underlying estimates of future cash flows.
- Fair value of financial instruments.
- Carrying amounts of employee benefits and underlying actuarial assumptions.

Following the completion of an internal depreciation study, the estimated useful lives of certain assets were changed. The change in estimate was applied prospectively, effective January 1, 2015, and is expected to result in a \$7 million increase to depreciation expense in 2015.

Areas of judgment in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the condensed consolidated financial statements include:

- Identification of arrangements which contain a lease.
- Revenue recognition of customer contributions.
- Short-term employee incentives accrued.

# (g) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, and amendments to standards and interpretations, are not yet effective for the period ended September 30, 2015, and have not been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements. In particular, the Corporation is currently reviewing IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers and IFRS 9, Financial Instruments, both effective January 1, 2018, to determine the potential impact, if any. SaskPower does not have any plans to early adopt the new standards.

# (h) Prior period reclassifications

Inventory adjustments have been reclassified from operating, maintenance and administration expense to other expenses.

# Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income (Loss)

	Increase (decrease)								
	Three mor	nths ended	Nine m	onths ended					
	Septer	nber 30	Sept	ember 30					
(in millions)	20	)14		2014					
Operating, maintenance and administration	\$	(5)	\$	(5)					
Other expenses		5		5					
Adjustment to net income (loss)	\$	-	\$	-					

# 3. Property, plant and equipment

			L	eased							Cor	struction	
(in millions)	Ger	neration		assets	Tran	smission	Dis	tribution	(	Other		orogress	Total
Cost or deemed cost												5	
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$	4,334	\$	1,233	\$	1,146	\$	3,074	\$	620	\$	1,665	\$ 12,072
Additions		1,244		-		62		179		73		916	2,474
Disposals and/or retirements		(73)		-		(1)		(12)		(14)		-	(100)
Impairment losses		-		-		-		(19)		-		-	(19)
Transfers		-		-		-		-		-		(1,545)	(1,545)
Balance, September 30, 2014	\$	5,505	\$	1,233	\$	1,207	\$	3,222	\$	679	\$	1,036	\$ 12,882
Additions		112		-		112		85		59		363	731
Disposals and/or retirements		(8)		-		(3)		(7)		(16)		-	(34)
Impairment losses		-		-		-		-		-		-	-
Transfers		-		-		-		-		-		(346)	(346)
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$	5,609	\$	1,233	\$	1,316	\$	3,300	\$	722	\$	1,053	\$ 13,233
Additions		566		-		295		179		52		703	1,795
Disposals and/or retirements		(11)		-		(6)		(11)		(23)		-	(51)
Transfers		-		-		-		-		-		(1,100)	(1,100)
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$	6,164	\$	1,233	\$	1,605	\$	3,468	\$	751	\$	656	\$ 13,877
Accumulated depreciation													
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$	2,219	\$	223	\$	464	\$	1,266	\$	259	\$	-	\$ 4,431
Depreciation expense		103		43		21		70		29		-	266
Disposals and/or retirements		(68)		-		(1)		(9)		(10)		-	(88)
Impairment losses		-		-		-		(2)		-		-	(2)
Transfers		-		-		-		-		-		-	-
Balance, September 30, 2014	\$	2,254	\$	266	\$	484	\$	1,325	\$	278	\$	-	\$ 4,607
Depreciation expense		40		13		7		26		11		-	97
Disposals and/or retirements		(7)		-		(2)		(6)		(4)		-	(19)
Impairment losses		-		-		-		-		-		-	-
Transfers		-		-		-		-		-		-	-
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$	2,287	\$	279	\$	489	\$	1,345	\$	285	\$	-	\$ 4,685
Depreciation expense		136		43		25		75		32		-	311
Disposals and/or retirements		(9)		-		(2)		(8)		(11)		-	(30)
Transfers		-		-		-		-		-		-	-
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$	2,414	\$	322	\$	512	\$	1,412	\$	306	\$	-	\$ 4,966
Net book value													
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$	2,115	\$	1,010	\$	682	\$	1,808	\$	361	\$	1,665	\$ 7,641
Balance, September 30, 2014	\$	3,251	\$	967	\$	723	\$	1,897	\$	401	\$	1,036	\$ 8,275
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$	3,322	\$	954	\$	827	\$	1,955	\$	437	\$	1,053	\$ 8,548
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$	3,750	\$	911	\$	1,093	\$	2,056	\$	445	\$	656	\$ 8,911

In the first nine months of 2015, interest costs totaling \$27 million (2014 – \$53 million) were capitalized at the weighted average cost of borrowings rate of 4.70% (2014 – 5.00%)

The Corporation is forecasting to spend \$1.067 billion on capital projects in 2015.

# 4. Long-term debt

(in millions)	
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 3,568
Long-term debt issues	574
Long-term debt repayments	(3)
Amortization of debt premiums net of discounts	-
Balance, September 30, 2014	\$ 4,139
Long-term debt issues	218
Long-term debt repayments	(1)
Amortization of debt premiums net of discounts	(1)
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$ 4,355
Long-term debt issues	432
Long-term debt repayments	(3)
Amortization of debt premiums net of discounts	(2)
	\$ 4,782
Less: current portion of long-term debt	(5)
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$ 4,777

The Corporation, through the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue fund, transacted the following:

- On February 5, 2015, the Corporation borrowed \$200 million of long-term debt at a premium of \$48 million.
   The debt issue has a coupon rate of 3.90%, an effective interest rate of 2.73%, and matures on June 2, 2045.
- On May 26, 2015, the Corporation borrowed \$200 million of long-term debt at a discount of \$16 million. The
  debt issue has a coupon rate of 2.75%, an effective interest rate of 3.15%, and matures on
  December 2, 2046.
- As at September 30, 2015, the Corporation has \$350 million of bond forward agreements outstanding to hedge the interest rate risk on anticipated future borrowings. SaskPower has chosen to designate these contracts as cash flow hedges. As such, the effective portion of the changes in fair value related to these derivative financial instruments have been recognized in other comprehensive income, with the fair value being recognized as risk management assets on the consolidated statement of financial position.
- Subsequent to period end, on October 15, 2015, the Corporation borrowed \$200 million of long-term debt at a discount of \$26 million. The debt issue has a coupon rate of 2.75%, an effective interest rate of 3.43%, and matures on December 2, 2046. As part of the borrowing, \$122 million of bond forward agreements were also settled.

Included in the long-term debt balance at September 30, 2015, is \$55 million of non-recourse debt related to SaskPower's joint venture interest in the Cory Cogeneration Station. The debt has effective interest rates ranging from 7.87% to 7.88% and is repayable quarterly maturing between December 31, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

# 5. Finance lease obligations

	September	30	De	cember 31
(in millions)	2015			2014
Total future minimum lease payments	\$ 3,	242	\$	3,367
Less: future finance charges on finance leases	(2,	105)		(2,229)
Present value of finance lease obligations	\$ 1,	137	\$	1,138
Less: current portion of finance lease obligations		(10)		(8)
	\$ 1,	127	\$	1,130

6. Financial instruments						
			Septer	mber 30	Decen	nber 31
			20	)15	20	14
(in millions)			Asset (	liability)	Asset (I	iability)
Financial instruments	Classification	<sup>4</sup> Level <sup>5</sup>	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
Financial assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	1	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue	L&R <sup>2</sup>	N/A	326	326	315	315
Debt retirement funds	FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	2	503	503	457	457
Other assets - investment	FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	3	2	2	2	2
Financial liabilities						
Bank indebtedness	FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2)	\$ (2)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$OL^3$	N/A	(442)	(442)	(532)	(532)
Accrued interest	$OL^3$	N/A	(48)	(48)	(57)	(57)
Short-term advances	$OL^3$	N/A	(961)	(961)	(890)	(890)
Long-term debt	$OL^3$	2	(4,782)	(5,771)	(4,355)	(5,470)
Finance lease obligations	$OL^3$	3	(1,137)	(1,270)	(1,138)	(1,274)

			September 30			December 31					
	A	5		20				20	2014		
(in millions)	Classification <sup>4</sup>	Level	Ass	et	Lia	ability	Asset		Liability		
Notice I are a subsets											
Natural gas contracts											
Fixed price swap instruments	FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	2	\$	-	\$	(103)	\$	-	\$	(77)	
Forward agreements	FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	2		-		-		3		-	
Electricity contracts											
Contracts for differences	FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	2		_		_		_		_	
Forward agreements	FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	2		3		(3)		4		_	
roiward agreements		_				(0)					
Interest rate risk management											
Bond forward agreements	FVTPL <sup>1</sup>	2		8		(9)		-		(19)	
			\$	11	\$	(115)	\$	7	\$	(96)	

<sup>1.</sup> FVTPL - fair value through profit or loss.

<sup>2.</sup> L&R - loans and receivables.

<sup>3.</sup> OL - other liabilities.

<sup>4.</sup> The Corporation has not classified any of its financial instruments as held-to-maturity.

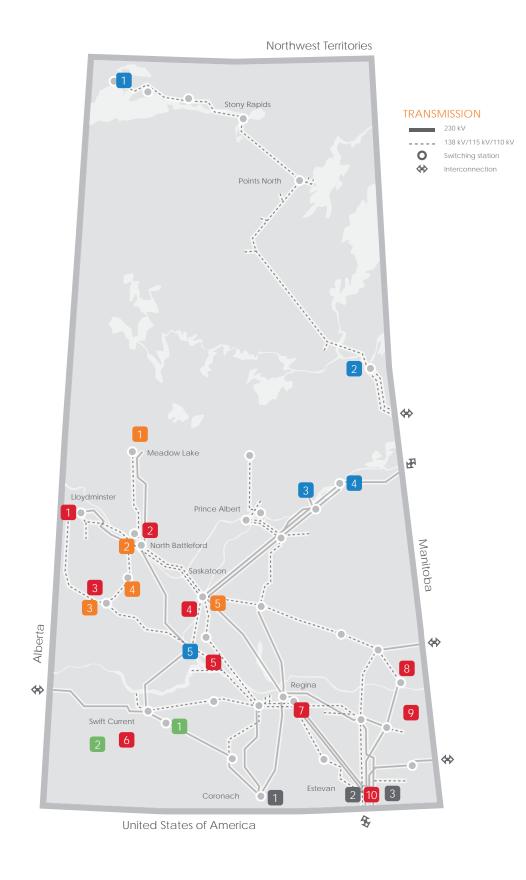
<sup>5.</sup> Fair values are determined using a fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability.

Level 3 – Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

Not applicable (N/A) – Financial instruments — including accounts receivable and unbilled revenue; accounts payable and accrued liabilities; accrued interest and short-term advances — are carried at values which approximate fair value.



Hydro Facilities

Coal Facilities 5

Natural Gas Facilities 2

Wind Facilities

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Independent Power Producer Facilities



# At December 31, 2014

	Facility	Net Capacity (MW)	Fuel
1.	Athabasca Hydroelectric System		Hydro
	• Wellington	5	
	<ul> <li>Waterloo</li> </ul>	8	
	<ul> <li>Charlot River</li> </ul>	10	
2.	Island Falls Hydroelectric Station	111	Hydro
3.	Nipawin Hydroelectric Station	255	Hydro
4.	E.B. Campbell Hydroelectric Station	289	Hydro
5.	Coteau Creek Hydroelectric Station	186	Hydro
1.	Poplar River Power Station	582	Coal
2.	Boundary Dam Power Station	672	Coal
3.	Shand Power Station	276	Coal
1.	Meadow Lake Power Station	44	Natural Gas
2.	Yellowhead Power Station	138	Natural Gas
3.	Ermine Power Station	92	Natural Gas
4.	Landis Power Station	79	Natural Gas
5.	Queen Elizabeth Power Station	430	Natural Gas
1.	Centennial Wind Power Facility	150	Wind
2.	Cypress Wind Power Facility	11	Wind
1.	Meridian Cogeneration Station	210	Natural Gas
2.	North Battleford Generating Station	260	Natural Gas
3.	NRGreen Kerrobert Heat Recovery Facility	5	Waste Heat (Gas)
4.	Cory Cogeneration Station	228	Natural Gas
5.	NRGreen Loreburn Heat Recovery Facility	5	Waste Heat (Gas)
6.	SunBridge Wind Power Facility	11	Wind
7.	NRGreen Estlin Heat Recovery Facility	5	Waste Heat (Gas)
8.	Spy Hill Generating Station	86	Natural Gas
9.	Red Lily Wind Energy Facility	26	Wind
10.	NRGreen Alameda Heat Recovery Facility	5	Waste Heat (Gas)
	Small Independent Power Producers	2	Various
Total		4,181	

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