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Saskatchewan Common Ground Alliance
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Via Email: dbakker@scga.ca

Attention: Dylan Bakker, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Bakker:

RE: Amendments to *The SaskEnergy Regulations*

Earlier this year, SaskEnergy consulted with your organization about proposed amendments to *The SaskEnergy Regulations*.

I'm pleased to inform you that, after an extensive review and enhanced consultation process with targeted stakeholder groups including your organization, the proposed amendments have now been passed.

The amendments to the *Regulations* provide clarification, ensure enhanced public safety and customer service, encourage safe excavation, and support alignment with industry best practices. These changes align with SaskEnergy's core operational focus of providing safe and reliable natural gas distribution and transmission services to Saskatchewan customers.

SaskEnergy and TransGas are committed to working with your organization on the application of these amendments to ensure we all continue to work safely around buried infrastructure. Highlights of the amendments include:

- New pipeline safety corridor – “set-back” – requirements including expanded requirement for Corporate consent prior to ground disturbance and crossing of transmission and distribution pipelines.
 - Corporate consent is required when working within 10 metres of a TransGas easement, or within a SaskEnergy easement. Should no easement exist, consent is now required within 15 metres of a TransGas pipeline, and 1.5 metres of a SaskEnergy pipeline.
- Enhanced requirements for safe digging practices around buried infrastructure, which complement existing obligations to obtain line locates prior to ground disturbance.
- Amendment to the existing definition of “customer,” which ensures that SaskEnergy continues to have access to inspect and safely maintain its infrastructure/equipment after a person has been disconnected or has sold their property.

These and other amendments to the *Regulations*, as of December 1st, 2016, have been made public by the Government of Saskatchewan via the Queen's Printer. We are also including a document that highlights each amendment. The updated *Regulations* in full can be found online at: <http://www.publications.gov.sk.ca/details.cfm?p=1444>

These regulation changes take effect immediately and can be managed within SaskEnergy's current processes.

- All SaskEnergy pipelines, including service lines, now require a permit or consent for crossing a pipeline or working in proximity to the pipeline. The requirement now covers demolition work, service line crossings, and pipelines in road rights-of-way. Please contact your local SaskEnergy office to obtain your permit. TransGas safety corridor and equipment loading requirements have changed. If you are working within 30 metres of the pipeline, please continue to use the existing process by going to: <http://www.transgas.com/safetyintegrity/permits/crossingcoordination.asp>

As part of our public safety programming, SaskEnergy regularly communicates to the public and contractors our requirements and best practices to ensure safe excavation in the province. The regulatory changes will be highlighted in these communications over the coming months. SaskEnergy and TransGas will be available to all stakeholders to answer any questions specific to the amended regulations and excavation best practices.

In the meantime, should you have any immediate questions or concerns, please contact:

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Thank you for your feedback throughout this process.

Sincerely,

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