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***Sask 1st Call* welcomes SaskPower as its newest member**

Contractors, businesses and homeowners planning any project involving excavation in 2009 now have one less call to make before they dig, as SaskPower has joined the *Sask 1st Call* network.

Sask 1st Call is Saskatchewan's location screening and notification service for contractors and customers who are planning to dig or excavate. The network includes SaskEnergy, TransGas, SaskTel, SaskPower and 24 other pipeline companies. In 2008, *Sask 1st Call* surpassed 100,000 requests, which was a 14 per cent increase over 2007. (*Editors: See List of Sask 1st Call Members attached*)

"The addition of SaskPower is an important step in the continued growth of *Sask 1st Call*, a service that supports the strong and steady growth of our economy," said Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister of Crown Corporations. "*Sask 1st Call* is all about our Crowns and the private sector working together to ensure the safety of our communities and the reliability of services provided by the infrastructure of all member companies."

With the addition of SaskPower, *Sask 1st Call* now covers approximately 400,000 kilometers of buried infrastructure throughout Saskatchewan with the goal of one day being a full One Call organization, as found in other jurisdictions in North America.

"Having many different companies to contact for line locates can be confusing for any contractor, with an equipment operator, and potentially the entire community, at risk, if buried infrastructure is accidentally hit while excavating," said Ron Canfield, President of NIS Contractors. "Contractors depend upon *Sask 1st Call*, and now that SaskPower is a member, the safety of our crews is greatly enhanced."

Sask 1st Call was established as a subsidiary of SaskEnergy in January 2003, and provides a service to member companies that have underground infrastructure. A call to the *Sask 1st Call's* toll-free number will connect you to a trained and experienced Customer Service Representative (CSR) who will take all the pertinent information concerning the proposed excavation and enter it into the screening database. The software will then determine which of the member companies have underground facilities at that location and notify the company that a line locate is required. Each company is then responsible to mark its lines as usual. This locating service is provided with no charge to customers.

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Sask 1st Call Member Companies

Advantage Oil & Gas Ltd
 Alliance Pipeline Ltd.
 Allstream
 BP Canada Energy Company (Steelman Operations Only)
 ConocoPhillips Canada Resources Corp.
 Dome Kerrobert Pipeline Ltd. and Encana Kerrobert Pipelines Limited
 Enbridge Pipelines Inc.
 - Central Region
 - Western Region
 Enbridge Pipelines (Saskatchewan) Inc.
 EOG Resources Canada Inc.
 Foothills Pipe Lines (Sask) Ltd.
 Hilda Water Pipeline Co-op Ltd
 Inter Pipeline Fund
 Kinder Morgan Cochin ULC
 Monarch Communications Inc.
 Mosaic Canada ULC
 Murphy Oil Company Ltd.
 Nexen Inc.
 Petro-Canada - (Saskatoon Pipeline only)
 Plains Marketing Canada, L.P.
 Provident Energy Ltd.
 SaskEnergy Incorporated
 SaskPower
 SaskTel
 Souris Valley Pipeline Limited
 Spectra Energy Empress Management Inc.
 Talisman Energy Canada
 TransGas Limited
 TransCanada Pipelines Limited