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### **SaskEnergy/Network Members Extend Commercial HVAC Program**

SaskEnergy, SaskEnergy Network Members and SaskPower Eneraction have extended the Commercial HVAC Program (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) until October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to continue providing financial incentives for commercial customers to replace inefficient and aging HVAC equipment with high-efficiency natural gas furnaces, boilers and/or rooftop units.

The program was first introduced in March 2010 and targets small-and medium-sized commercial buildings. It is available through participating SaskEnergy Residential and Commercial Network Members located across Saskatchewan and is the first program of its kind for this customer base.

“SaskEnergy and our Network Members are pleased to extend the Commercial HVAC program for another year to encourage more business uptake,” said Dean Reeve, Executive Vice President, SaskEnergy. “This extension will give Saskatchewan business owners additional time to consider how to take advantage of this worthwhile program that ultimately saves them money.”

SaskPower Eneraction also shares in the cost of offering this incentive program. The program provides incentives based on the incremental price of energy-efficient natural gas boilers, furnaces and rooftop units in commercial retrofit applications. Incentives are based on the type and number of units installed. For example, furnace incentives are calculated as follows with \$500 for the first qualifying furnace. Any subsequent purchase and installation of a qualifying furnace at the same address or building will receive an additional incentive of \$250.

Allan Awrey, President of SaskWest Mechanical, believes this program addresses a need within the commercial industry to help replace aging HVAC equipment. “This is a great opportunity to reach a new group of commercial customers at a key time in the industry,” Awrey says. “For example, many rooftop units are currently 25 to 30 years old so we certainly encourage businesses to take a look at this incentive program.”

For more information, visit: <http://www.saskenergy.com/business/hvac.asp>

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