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SaskEnergy announces home gas detector rebate offer

SaskEnergy today announced a home gas detector rebate as part of its enhanced safety vigilance program. The use of gas detectors within homes in Saskatchewan is an additional precautionary measure of safety.

SaskEnergy's rebate program covers a portion of the detector's cost, similar to the programmable thermostat rebate program, for homeowners who purchase a home gas detector.

SaskEnergy acknowledges that the unusual moisture conditions that were experienced in 2011 created some stress on affected parts of its pipeline system. Elevated safety vigilance has been and is being conducted to meet these additional strains on our natural gas system. These enhanced measures include:

- Upgrading of the system has been advanced from replacing 500 services annually in Regina to replacing 2,000 services per year in areas of the province, including Regina, which have challenging geotechnical issues and this will continue going forward.
- Increased leak monitoring from a code standard of every five years to an elevated monthly monitoring program is also in place for these areas. This will be occurring throughout the winter. We have also installed 1,500 inspection points (vent tubes) in South Regina to enhance monitoring of our system.
- Increased public communication and SaskEnergy response to any public concerns is also in place. SaskEnergy encourages anyone who detects what they believe to be a natural gas leak to contact us 24/7 at 1-888-7000-GAS (1-888-700-0427).

Each year, the Corporation spends in excess of \$30 million to maintain a safe and reliable natural gas delivery system. This year, SaskEnergy invested an additional \$6.5 million in safety activities to address the issues related to the extraordinary ground movement and wet soil conditions in South Regina and other areas of the province with similar soil conditions.

Details of SaskEnergy's home gas detector rebate are available at www.saskenergy.com or by calling SaskEnergy at 1-800-567-8899.

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