

## Media Release

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### **Town of Hanley chosen for advanced metering project test**

As part of an ongoing program to renew and prepare the province's energy delivery system for the future, SaskPower and SaskEnergy have chosen the Town of Hanley and surrounding area as the first test location for their new advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) project for electrical and gas meters.

"AMI is a key part of SaskPower's plans to renew and upgrade our provincial electrical infrastructure, and will provide a foundation for other ongoing SaskPower projects," said Robert Watson, SaskPower President and CEO. "Ultimately, this will enhance proactive system maintenance and deliver a higher level of service to customers."

In August 2010, SaskPower announced that it will install approximately 500,000 advanced electric meters, also called "smart meters", across the province in 2013. These meters will be connected to a wireless communications network that will provide near real-time data on customers' electrical use. The project also includes upgrades to approximately 350,000 SaskEnergy gas meters.

"The AMI project will create significant savings in the day-to-day operations for SaskEnergy, which benefits our customers," said Doug Kelln, SaskEnergy President and CEO. "The technology used in AMI will allow for more accurate billing, which helps customers to better gauge monthly consumption, and the positive impact conservation measures have on their energy dollars."

During the Hanley field test, SaskPower and SaskEnergy will test approximately 400 new electric meters and 50 gas modules that will be mounted on existing gas meters in the area. This will allow both Crown corporations to verify the system configuration and the wireless communications network the meters will use. SaskPower customers will experience a power disruption of no more than five minutes while their existing meters are replaced with new AMI meters. SaskEnergy customers will see no disruption to their service when the modules are installed on their meters.

Hanley was chosen as the location for the field test based on a number of criteria, including a variety of customer types, proximity to SaskPower and SaskEnergy staff and the availability of wireless communications infrastructure. Installation of the new meters and natural gas modules is scheduled to begin early this summer. Additional information can be found at:

- [www.saskpower.com/smartmeters](http://www.saskpower.com/smartmeters)
- [www.saskenergy.com/residential/AMI](http://www.saskenergy.com/residential/AMI) for more information.

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