

Fact Sheet

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Saskatchewan Energy Share Program Statistics

- The Saskatchewan Energy Share program is a plan that was announced in November 2005 to provide short and long-term assistance to Saskatchewan residents to help deal with rising energy costs.
- The short-term assistance shielded consumers from high natural gas costs from November 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006 by capping the SaskEnergy rate increase. The plan reduced SaskEnergy's commodity rate from \$10.88 to \$7.95 per GigaJoule.
- The long-term assistance part of the plan involves a package of six energy conservation programs.
- The Government committed \$37.3 million to the Energy Share conservation programs in November 2005. To date, \$10.4 million has been spent with another \$18.2 million committed for a total of \$28.6 million. The original budget was under spent primarily as a result of the Federal Government canceling the EnerGuide for Houses program in May 2006. The Province stepped in and re-established the provincial program in August 2006.
- Below are the details on each of the Energy Share conservation programs.
 - Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses Retrofit Grant
 - As of February 28, 2007 more than 6,090 homeowners have been assisted with \$5.5 million paid and another \$1.5 million forecast to March 31, 2007
 - Saskatchewan Home Energy Improvement Program (SHEIP)
 - Low-Income Program
 - As of March 19, 2007 the low-income component of SHEIP has made 1,153 commitments, with 645 of them paid out, averaging \$3,717 each for a total of \$2.4 million paid and another \$2.1 million committed to specific homeowners. This program is available until 2008 and has another \$12 million of funding available to assist these households.
 - Moderate-Income Program
 - As of March 19, 2007 the moderate-income component of SHEIP has made 977 commitments, with 175 of them paid out, averaging \$1,829 each for a total of \$320,200 paid and another \$2.2 million committed.
 - PST exemption on ENERGY STAR® qualified furnaces, boilers and heat pumps

- Provided approximately \$1.5 million in PST savings on qualifying purchases to date.
 - As of April 1, 2007 the program has been extended indefinitely and is estimated to provide approximately \$1 million in PST savings on qualifying purchases annually.
- ENERGY STAR Programmable Thermostat Rebate
 - As of February 28, 2007, more than 12,585 customers had participated in SaskEnergy's \$45 programmable thermostat rebate program at a total cost of \$551,550. It is estimated that another \$70,000 will be invested in this program to March 31, 2007 when the program ends. SaskEnergy will be reviewing the results of this program to determine future direction.
 - SaskEnergy Share the Warmth Home Energy Efficiency Project
 - In 2005 and 2006, 534 low & moderate income households in 19 communities received free energy efficiency improvements to their homes.
 - More than \$90,000 has been spent to date on this project.
 - SaskEnergy is committed to assisting 500 households per year for the next four years, investing at least another \$300,000 toward this initiative.