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SaskPower issues RFP for new baseload generation

With a growing demand for power in the province, SaskPower has issued a request-for-proposals (RFP) for new electrical generation.

Following a request-for-qualifications to find private sector partners interested in providing new generation, SaskPower has invited eight companies from across Canada to submit proposals for between 200 megawatts (MW) and 400 MW of new intermediate to baseload generation to be in service for the 2012/2013 winter peak. The companies are NRGreen Power Ltd., TransAlta Corporation in joint venture with Husky Oil Operations Limited, TransCanada Energy Ltd., ATCO Power Ltd., EPCOR Utilities Inc., Northland Power Inc., Ormat and Meadow Lake Green Energy.

“As Saskatchewan’s economy continues to grow, there is an increased demand for power as people invest in the province and make it their home,” Crown Corporations Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. “As part of this process, SaskPower is exploring opportunities for private ownership or investment in new generating facilities.”

The deadline for the submission of proposals is August 28, 2009. The successful proponent will be announced in November 2009.

In January, SaskPower issued an RFP for between 100 MW and 200 MW of peaking generation to be in service for the 2011/2012 winter peak. The deadline for submissions for the peaking solicitation has been extended to June 15, 2009, with the successful proponent now being announced in October 2009.

To support the ongoing economic momentum of the province, SaskPower will continue with the development of other supply options. Building on the already-diverse mix in the current generation fleet, future options under consideration include clean coal™, polygeneration, demand-side management, cogeneration, natural gas, imports, nuclear, large and small hydro and renewables – like biomass and wind.

More information on SaskPower’s baseload generation solicitation can be found at <http://generationprocurement.saskpower.com>.