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SASKATCHEWAN
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Energy Efficiency Strategy

Background:

In November 2016, the Chamber surveyed its members and found that while a large majority of respondents concluded that reducing carbon emissions was important, almost three quarters opposed the use of carbon pricing as the mechanism to achieve such reductions. The Chamber maintains that a direct carbon pricing scheme (either in the form of a broad-based tax or cap and trade) is not the appropriate mechanism for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Saskatchewan. Instead, we recommend actively increasing energy efficiency and conservation to reduce GHG emissions.

Issue:

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce membership made it clear that the Chamber should continue to oppose the implementation of carbon pricing and instead support technological investments and incentives as a prudent way to reduce energy consumption.

In response, the Chamber formed a 100-Day Energy Efficiency Task Force in the Fall of 2016 to articulate a clear framework for Saskatchewan moving forward with respect to promoting energy conservation measures. The mandate of the Energy Efficiency Task Force was to create a series of recommendations to advance the implementation of energy efficiency measures as the first step toward reducing carbon emissions and lowering energy costs.

Recommendations:

1. Create an Energy Pricing Arrangement Where Inefficiency is Identified, and Efficiency is Rewarded with Lower Costs
2. Expand the SaskPower Industrial Energy Optimization Program (IEOP)
3. Promote the Adoption of Online Assessment Tools

4. Incent Saskatchewan Industry to Adopt Clean Technology by Providing Transitional Support and Funding
5. Expand SaskPower Demand Side Management (DSM) Programs
6. Create a Building Envelope Energy Efficiency Improvement Program Under SaskEnergy
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8. Promote Conversion for Succinct Fleet Vehicles and Heavy Equipment
9. Encourage Industry in Saskatchewan to Develop a Culture Around Energy Management

History:

Adopted Policy Resolution 2017

Energy Efficiency Strategy Report 2017

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