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JUDICIAL CENTRE	REGINA
APPLICANTS	SABRINA DYKSTRA, JILL FORRESTER, RYAN HEISE, KAYLA HOPKINS, LYNN OLIPHANT, HAROLD PEXA, AMY SNIDER, and CLIMATE JUSTICE SASKATOON ORGANIZATION INC.
RESPONDENTS	SASKATCHEWAN POWER CORPORATION, CROWN INVESTMENTS CORPORATION OF SASKATCHEWAN, and THE GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN

AFFIDAVIT

AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT SABRINA DYKSTRA

I, SABRINA DYKSTRA, of the City of SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN, MAKE OATH AND SAY (or AFFIRM):

1. I am 14 years old and I currently reside in the City of Saskatoon, SK.

2. I have personal knowledge of the statements and facts deposed to in this Affidavit, except where stated to be on information learned from someone else, and where so stated, I verily believe the information to be true.

3. I attend Tommy Douglas high school in Saskatoon and am in grade 9.

4. I live with my mother, Claire Dysktra, and my siblings: a sixteen-year-old brother named Silas and a twelve-year-old sister named Jessica. I also see my father frequently. Unlike Silas and Jessica, I do not switch from house to house every week, so I only stay at my dad's every second weekend.

5. Saskatchewan has been my home for as long as I have been alive, and I feel proud of it! The cold winters and hot summers have always been a constant, expected part of every year. I love going for runs in the quiet, frigid cold of winter or enjoying a bike ride under the warm summer sun.

6. Until just prior to grade seven, climate change was not a topic I knew much about. It was something that had been on my radar beginning that summer between grade 6 and 7, when the idea of climate change (despite how little I knew about it) first began to stress me out. But it was during the grade 7 school year that we had our first school unit about climate change and the more I learned, the more I wanted to make changes in my own life to prevent climate change.

7. Now, I often research the climate crisis on my own time. Learning about dangerous climate change makes me feel less sure of myself. It makes me feel like the world is filled with selfish people who are just letting climate change happen. I think about the climate crisis and the emissions that cause it every time I must ride in a car, or when the people around me show so little compassion or care for the planet we are all living on. Climate change is an issue that overshadows many of the things I do, and it makes me question and doubt my actions.

8. Almost everything we seem to do, from taking a hot shower to eating a cheeseburger to turning up the air conditioning in the summer, contributes to the effects of climate change. I have learned that greenhouse gases (GHGs), like CO_2 molecules, trap heat within our atmosphere and can remain in the atmosphere for a long time. So, the more carbon dioxide that is put in our atmosphere results in more heat being absorbed from the sun. I know that as the earth's atmosphere gets hotter, more water evaporates into the air and needs to be dropped again as rain, creating more severe storms. As well, I am very aware of the fact that the burning of fossil fuels has and continues to release more and more carbon dioxide, only making the crisis worse.

9. I have read that we need to drop the world's carbon emissions by 45% below 2010 levels by 2030, and reach net zero by 2050, if we want to keep the world's heating well below 2 degrees Celsius. I understand that Canada committed to reduce its emissions when it signed the 2015 Paris Agreement of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and that Canada has committed to reduce its emissions by 40-45% from the reference emissions of year 2005 by 2030.

10. My family and I were affected by the considerably abnormal heat waves that have occurred over the past few summers. I live with my mom most of the time, and we live in a condo with no air-conditioning. Since the build of our home is tall and skinny, we have several small levels in the house. I live in the top attic bedroom, and in the summer, it is uncomfortable to try to sleep in the stuffy heat. It's hard to sleep most nights when it's so hot. As well, when it is so extremely hot the best place for my family to seek refuge is in our basement where it is cool.

11. To try and reduce my personal emissions that cause dangerous climate change I have made changes in my behaviour. I became a vegetarian. I have embraced low emission and active transportation, such as walking. I have also had many conversations with my family and friends about the causes of climate change and what we can do to reduce the severity. When my sister and I

accompany either of my parents to go grocery shopping, Jessica often helps me to check foods for palm oil and where the food products were processed or grown, so that we can purchase food with lower environmental impacts. I know it's not always easy for Jessica to have to put back a box of cookies because I really don't want to get anything with palm oil, but she does it anyway.

12. I personally think that a crucial part of having good mental health is to be able to connect with nature. As the weather in Saskatchewan becomes more extreme due to dangerous climate change, it becomes less likely for people to want to spend time outdoors. While I have good winter clothes and am willing to brave the heat in the summer, I know that many people don't feel that they have the necessities available to do this. Without the ability to comfortably be in nature, how are people supposed to remain mentally well?

13. As climate change progresses, I can foresee a multitude of issues that may arise across my lifetime. It will be less safe to be outdoors in extreme weather. The air will be even less clean to breathe. Droughts could severely affect the wellbeing of ecosystems. I can imagine a future in which humans became even less connected to nature than they are now. The thought of this scares me more than increased expenses or property damage. (Although maybe this will change by the time I reach adulthood!)

14. I know SaskPower is owned by the Saskatchewan government. So, our government is directly neglecting the wellbeing of its people when it continues to build fossil fuel based electrical generation. People have known for a very long time the impacts of burning fossil fuels, but little has been done by the government to address or prevent these impacts. It seems to me that the government must care more about economic growth and money than the wellbeing of people. There will inevitably be consequences to these actions, and by not bothering to try to curb the usage and extraction of fossil fuels, SaskPower and the Saskatchewan government are ignoring the rights of people and harming all life on Earth.

15. Many times, I think that people assume that advocating for the planet is something that I enjoy doing. People may think that this is the kind of thing I find interesting to talk about, or that I choose to care about. But I can say that my passion for the planet isn't really a fun piece of who I am. Once you know about the shaky, unpleasant fate of your home, how could you not care? I really hate everything that is happening in this crisis. I hate the extinctions, the deforestation, the extreme weather, and just the suffering.

16. The way I see it, now that I have begun to understand the disasters sweeping across the earth, caused by dangerous climate change, *I can't not care about it*. This is how I feel when I think about my future. I know that I want to make a difference. I want to do what I can to become a part of the solution. When I am older, I hope to take a career such as environmental lawyer, environmental scientist,

environmental engineer, or maybe even something in politics. While this is what I expect, it is also disappointing to feel like my other opportunities are gone. Were it not for the climate crisis, I might have become a psychologist, a small business owner, or I could have written articles for running magazines, or even pursued a future in athletics. Maybe not all of these were realistic career opportunities, but they were possibilities I wanted, rather than careers which I will likely pursue out of a sense of urgent duty to prevent the climate crisis.

17. I feel like my life needs to be at least somewhat dedicated to trying to find a way to improve the state of the climate crisis. In some ways, I feel as though it has taken my future from me. I can't dream of traveling like my friends because of the massively negative impacts that result from travel. There is so much I want to do, and sometimes it feels insurmountable.

18. I am not someone who is physically hurting from the climate crisis. I am not experiencing the loss of my home as sea levels rise, bringing forth floods. I am not being hit by tropical storms affecting costal cities. I am also not losing my home due to deforestation, being wiped out from abnormal weather, or facing extreme droughts. But there are people and entire animal species that are being hurt by this, and when they hurt, it makes me hurt. Knowing that there are humans and other species across the world being impacted by the wrongdoing of people like me is agonizing. I can't just forget about them, and I cannot allow myself to disregard them as though they are not breathing, hurting, living things.

19. It is no surprise to me that many people ignore the climate crisis because it does not directly affect them, but it is a disappointment nonetheless, because I want to believe that we, as people, aren't that bad. I want to believe that people aren't so selfish as to turn a blind eye to the state the environment is in. I would like to imagine that people can see past what's right in front of them. Just because they might not be able to see the harm that our actions are causing does not mean that bad things aren't still happening.

20. Even though I do care about the climate crisis, and I try to do what I can to make a difference, I still behave in ways that emit GHGs and harm the planet every day. I watch TV. I use fossil fuels in my home for electricity. Sometimes I must ride in a car when somewhere is too far away to bike or to walk. I don't say anything when I see my friends or classmates wasting food. That really hurts. I don't want to do the wrong thing, and I don't want to be like everyone else, but I feel as though I am too weak and insignificant to make a difference. This brings me immense stress and even shame.

21. I often feel hopeless, because so many people just don't care. While I understand that many people are uneducated on the issue, I have seen many of my classmates completely ignore what they are being taught about the climate crisis. Instead of listening, for example, to the important messages Greta Thunberg shared, my classmates mocked her for the way that she talks! All through elementary

school, I only met one other person my age who cared about climate change personally. If there are so many people who refuse to bring attention to it or even show interest when others talk about it, then how on earth could we stop this issue? How can we lower our world carbon emission levels by 45% below 2005 levels within the next eight years if no one thinks that it is an issue for them to deal with? When I observe my friends showing little regard for the planet or displaying indifference when I try to talk about it, it diminishes my faith in them. I sometimes feel resentful!

22. This year, I also heard our Premier, the Honourable Scott Moe say that even he “doesn’t care” that our GHG emissions in Saskatchewan are the highest per capita in Canada.

23. When thinking of climate change, I feel despair. I feel hopeless, afraid, and guilty for how little I have done to help our planet in the grand scheme of things. Sometimes I want to banish all thoughts of it from my mind. But occasionally it hits me all over again about what is happening, and I feel a wave of disappointment at what the world has come to.

24. To battle these helpless feelings, I look to do whatever I possibly can to make a difference. Many of the choices I make stem from my desire to help the planet. But I also know that taking cold showers and avoiding driving in cars will not solve this huge issue. However, I feel that many of the things that I can do are small, so I need to embrace them and remain on the lookout to do bigger things.

25. Our government does not help with my feelings of unhappiness about the state of the planet. By not putting a limit to the amount of fossil fuels being taken from the ground, the government's letting me know that they don’t seem to care about more than money/economic growth. I feel as though my attempts at personal change are futile if the Saskatchewan government doesn’t take it seriously. I know that SaskPower is working with solar, and green energy may be on their radar, but part of me wonders if they are only doing it to say they did.

26. If the government took the climate crisis off the back burner and started treating it like a top priority, this would make a huge difference to me. I want to know that the government is looking out for our and the planet’s wellbeing. I want to know if ongoing action by SaskPower and the other Respondents named in this Originating Application to build more fossil fuel-based generation is violating my rights to life, to security of person, and my equality rights.

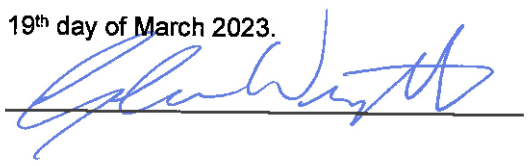
27. I make this Affidavit in support of the Originating Applicant along with the other co-applicants, anticipated to be filed in early 2023, and for no unlawful purpose.

SWORN (OR AFFIRMED) BEFORE ME

Remotely via electronic means,

In the RM of Vanscoy, Saskatchewan, this

19th day of March 2023.



Commissioner for Oaths

for Saskatchewan
Being a Solicitor

(*signature*)