The Emergency 911 System Regulations

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Chapter E-7.3 Reg 7 (effective July 1, 2023)

NOTE:

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The Emergency 911 System Act

Title

1 These regulations may be cited as *The Emergency 911 System Regulations*.

Definitions

2 In these regulations:

"Act" means The Emergency 911 System Act;

"consumer price index" means the annual average of all items Consumer Price Index for Saskatchewan, as published monthly by Statistics Canada;

"customer" means a customer of a telco:

- (a) who has the capacity to place emergency 911 telephone calls through the Sask911 system; and
- (b) who is assigned a telephone number associated with Saskatchewan;

"fee period" means the period commencing on August 1 of one year and ending on July 31 of the following year;

"local telephone service" means a telecommunications service that:

- (a) utilizes wireline, wireless or voice over internet protocol technology;
- (b) provides access to the public switched telephone network for the purpose of making and receiving telephone calls; and
- (c) is capable of being used to connect to 911.

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Requirement to pay Sask911 fee

- **3**(1) In this section, "adjusted Sask911 fee" means the Sask911 fee set out in Table 1 of the Appendix with respect to the services specified in Table 1, as adjusted in accordance with subsections (3) to (6).
- (2) Each month, every customer is required to pay the adjusted Sask911 fee.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, the annual change in the consumer price index for a specified year is the value calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$C = (CPI_1 \div CPI_2) - 1$$

where:

C is the annual change in the consumer price index;

CPI, is the consumer price index for the specified year; and

CPI₂ is the consumer price index for the year preceding the specified year.

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(4) Subject to subsections (5) and (6), for the purposes of this section, the adjusted Sask911 fee for a fee period is the amount calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$ASF = (C \times SF) + SF$$

where:

ASF is the adjusted Sask911 fee for the fee period;

C is amount C calculated pursuant to subsection (3) for the year in which the fee period commenced; and

SF is the adjusted Sask911 fee for the previous fee period.

- (5) The adjusted Sask911 fee calculated pursuant to subsection (4) is to be rounded to the nearest cent, and, if the annual change in the consumer price index is less than 0, the annual change is deemed to be 0.
- (6) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by order, declare that the adjusted Sask911 fee for a fee period is to remain the same as the adjusted Sask911 fee for the previous fee period.
- (7) Every telco that provides services in Saskatchewan is required to charge its customers the adjusted Sask911 fees payable pursuant to subsection (2).
- (8) A telco must, within 30 days after the end of each month for which services are provided to customers:
 - (a) remit to SPSA all adjusted Sask911 fees required to be charged pursuant to subsection (2) for the month whether or not the fees were collected; and
 - (b) provide to SPSA a statement of the number of the telco's working lines and telephone numbers for which an adjusted Sask911 fee was payable for the month.
- (9) If the minister so requests, a telco mentioned in subsection (8) shall produce and make available to the minister, in any form and manner that the minister considers satisfactory, any document, report, record, statement or other information relating to the billing, collection or payment of Sask911 fees or an amount with respect to those fees necessary for the purposes of:
 - (a) reviewing or verifying an audit or financial statement or report; or
 - (b) budgeting, forecasting, planning or accounting related to the Sask911 system.
- (10) Any information or document provided by a telco pursuant to subsection (9) is only to be used for the purposes intended by that subsection, and any person who in the course of that person's duties acquires or has access to that information or document shall:
 - (a) keep that information or document confidential; and
 - (b) not make any use or disclosures of that information or document without the written consent of the telco to which the information or document relates.

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- (11) A telco may retain \$0.07 per month administration fee for each working line and working telephone number for which fees are collected by that telco.
- (12) The adjusted Sask911 fee payable by a customer for service of less than a full month is to be prorated based on a 30-day month.

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Registration of telco

- 4(1) A telco shall apply to be registered in the form and manner specified by the minister and provide any information that the minister requires.
- (2) Any telco that does not provide services before the day on which these regulations come into force shall apply to be registered not less than 30 days before the day on which the telco is required to collect the 911 fee from a customer pursuant to subsection 3(2), or at any other time that the minister may specify.

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Operating Sask911 system

- 5(1) Any person or agency required to participate in the Sask911 system shall comply with the requirements prepared by the minister in accordance with clause 5(d.5) and subsection 8(4) of the Act, in any form and manner specified by the minister, as those requirements pertain to the development, implementation, enhancement and operation of the Sask911 system.
- (2) SPSA shall cause the requirements mentioned in subsection (1) to be posted on the SPSA website or made known to the persons or agencies mentioned in that subsection in any other manner that SPSA considers appropriate.

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RRS c S-34 Reg 5 repealed

6 The Sask911 Fees Regulations, 2003 are repealed.

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Coming into force

- 7(1) Subject to subsection (2), these regulations come into force on the day on which section 1 of *The Emergency 911 System Amendment Act, 2023* comes into force.
- (2) If these regulations are filed with the Registrar of Regulations after the day on which section 1 of *The Emergency 911 System Amendment Act, 2023* comes into force, these regulations come into force on the day on which they are filed with the Registrar of Regulations.

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Appendix

TABLE 1 [section 3]

Sask911 Fees

	Service	Fee
1	Local telephone services billed as residential or business access lines including multi-line outgoing access lines	\$2.08 per working line per month
2	Local telephone services billed as centrex service	\$2.08 per working telephone number per month
3	Wireless telephone access that is assigned a telephone number associated with Saskatchewan	\$2.08 per working telephone number per month

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