

Chapter 48

Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation – Wireless Network Security Controls

1.0 MAIN POINTS

In this chapter, we report that Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation (SaskTel) has implemented the last remaining recommendation from our 2009 audit of its wireless network security controls.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

In our *2009 Report – Volume 1*, Chapter 13, we concluded that SaskTel did not have adequate wireless network security controls at its head office and the Regina data centre for the period of August 1, 2008 to January 31, 2009. We made seven recommendations.

In our *2011 Report – Volume 1*, Chapter 16 (our first follow-up), we reported that SaskTel had many actions planned or underway to respond to these recommendations.

In our *2013 Report – Volume 1*, Chapter 29 (our second follow-up), we reported that SaskTel had implemented all but one of our recommendations. In August 2013, we examined SaskTel's actions on this remaining recommendation.

To conduct this review, we followed the standards for assurance engagements published in the *CPA Canada Handbook - Assurance*. To evaluate SaskTel's progress towards meeting the recommendation, we used the relevant criteria from the original audit. SaskTel's management agreed with the criteria in the original audit.

3.0 STATUS OF RECOMMENDATION

This section sets out our recommendation and SaskTel's actions to August 31, 2013. We found that SaskTel has implemented the recommendation.

3.1 Wireless Security Scans Performed

We recommended that SaskTel regularly perform wireless security scans and address weaknesses found. (2009 Report – Volume 1; Crown and Central Agencies Committee has not yet considered this recommendation)

Status – Implemented



SaskTel has implemented changes to regularly perform wireless security scans, based on its risk assessment, to identify inappropriate wireless activity and help ensure that only authorized wireless devices connect to SaskTel's wireless network. SaskTel has also implemented a process to respond to issues identified by its wireless security scans.