

FILE NO. - 015

**REPORT WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION
FOR REVIEW OF ██████████ WITH RESPECT TO INFORMATION
REQUESTED FROM SASKTEL**

██████████ applied to SaskTel under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the "Act") as follows:

"I would like a list of the names of all of the educational assistance out of hour courses, and the cost of each one, which SaskTel has paid for in the last five years."

By letter dated August 23, 1994, he was advised by SaskTel that:

"Your application for access was received by this office on August 2, 1994. This letter is to advise you that the record you have requested does not exist. It appears that the record you are requesting has never been created."

Upon receiving a Request for Review, I discussed this matter with an officer of SaskTel. I pointed out that recorded information must be provided (unless there is an exemption under the Act) even if it must be gathered from a variety of sources, and pointed out that Section 12(1)(a) contemplates a response to a request for information even though it may require searching through a large number of records.

Upon further review of this matter with SaskTel, it appears that SaskTel does not maintain a continuous or permanent record of "educational assistance out of hour courses" which may be identified as such. Such records as are maintained do not indicate whether the training was out of hours or whether SaskTel paid for the training.

However, it appears that SaskTel does have some recent records which disclose the information requested by the Applicant over a relatively short period of time.

SaskTel has indicated to me that they will provide this information to the Applicant, and since I am satisfied that no further or other record exists which could provide the information requested by the Applicant, I make no further recommendation.

Dated at Regina, Saskatchewan this 13th day of December, 1994.

**Derril G. McLeod, Q.C.,
Commissioner of Information and
Privacy for Saskatchewan**