

Backgrounder

As reported in the Star-Phoenix, this is the NDP budget forecast provided by the NDP:

- Projected 2016-17 deficit: \$189 million
- Projected 2017-18 surplus: \$32.6 million
- Projected 2018-19 surplus: \$61.7 million
- Projected 2019-20 surplus: \$95.2 million

The cost of providing the lowest cost utility bundle is \$238M per year. Even if the NDP were to phase in this promise over four years, this would be the cost that they failed to account for in their platform.

Percentage (To Lowest-Cost Utility Bundle)	Loss of Revenue to Government of Saskatchewan
25% (2016-17)	\$59M
50% (2016-17)	\$119M
75% (2018-19)	\$179M
100% (2019-20)	\$238M
Total	\$595M

This error by the NDP means their budget would actually be in deficit every year:

- Projected 2016-17 **deficit: \$248 million**
- Projected 2017-18 **deficit: \$86.4 million**
- Projected 2018-19 **deficit: \$117.3 million**
- Projected 2019-20 **deficit: \$142.8 million**