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Markham's power grid gets a \$12 million boost from Alectra to enhance reliability and accommodate growth

Markham, ON – Alectra Utilities is strengthening its power grid in Markham. In 2023, Alectra is investing over \$12 million in infrastructure modernization projects as the demand for electricity continues to grow.

“With parts of Markham’s system reaching the end of its life cycle, renewing the deteriorating infrastructure is necessary to maintain reliability” said Mike Matthews, Executive Vice President of Asset Strategy and Operations at Alectra. “This series of infrastructure upgrades will stabilize the existing system and reduce outage impacts in the community”.

In 2023, Alectra plans to deliver significant capital renewal projects impacting over 30,000 homes and businesses by investing:

- \$9.6M to rehabilitate underground cable.
- \$1.5M to renew overhead assets including pole remediation.
- \$826,000 to replace and upgrade stations within Markham.
- \$192,000 to construct new automated devices.

Alectra is introducing new technologies to increase efficiencies and reduce costs. One of those technologies is an innovative process called [cable injection](#), which repairs, protects, and extends the life of underground cables without digging them up.

For every kilometre of cable injection, Alectra avoids approximately 13 tonnes of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. To date, Alectra has injected more than 820 km of underground cable across its service territories, avoiding over 10,000 tonnes of GHG emissions.

Alectra Utilities is committed to investing in the electricity grid across all 17 communities it serves to support growth and to continue to provide safe and reliable service. Learn more about our commitment to reliability at alectrautilities.com/improving-reliability.

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About Alectra Utilities

Serving more than one million homes and businesses in Ontario’s Greater Golden Horseshoe area, Alectra Utilities is now the largest municipally-owned electric utility in Canada, based on the total number of customers served. We contribute to the economic growth and vibrancy of the 17 communities we serve by investing in essential energy infrastructure, delivering a safe and reliable supply of electricity, and providing innovative energy solutions. Our mission is to be



an energy ally, helping our customers and the communities we serve to discover the possibilities of tomorrow's energy future.

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