

Neighbourhood friendly cable injection program wins Alectra an Underground Environmental Stewardship Award

Mississauga, ON – Novinium, a full-service underground power expert that is part of the Southwire family of companies, awarded Alectra with the 2021 ‘Underground Environmental Stewardship Award’ (ESA). For the third time in a row, Alectra earned the ESA award for its industry-leading implementation of an innovative and cost-effective cable rejuvenation process.

Cable rejuvenation is a process that repairs, protects, and extends the life of underground electrical cables – without digging them up – by injecting a silicone-based fluid into the cable. Cable rejuvenation can extend the life of an aging cable up to 20 years and is much less disruptive than a full replacement.

To date, Alectra has rejuvenated 946 km of underground cable, mitigating 12,302 tonnes of CO₂. Alectra aims to achieve net-zero CO₂ emissions by 2050, and sustainable technologies like cable rejuvenation are important contributors to achieving that goal.

“Delivering safe and reliable electricity to our customers is our top priority,” said **Brian Bentz, President and CEO, Alectra Inc.** “We look forward to continuing our partnership with Novinium as we implement innovative, cost-effective technologies to sustainably renew assets and improve service reliability.”

“I’m thrilled to present Alectra with this environmental stewardship award; it’s a true pleasure to serve such a forward-looking utility that approaches capital investment and environmental consideration in the way they do”, said Ben Schneider, Novinium/Southwire’s Vice President of Utility Services.

Alectra is investing to strengthen and modernize its distribution grid to make it more resilient, reliable, and secure, while incorporating the advanced technologies necessary for the growing integration of distributed energy resources.

Each year Alectra invests nearly \$300 million in capital improvements – approximately \$1 million per day to renew aging equipment and install new infrastructure to handle growing demand. Continued capital investments in grid modernization are essential to maintain system reliability and make the changes necessary to build the utility of the future.

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About Alectra Inc.

Serving more than one million homes and businesses in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe area, Alectra Utilities is 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.

About Novinium LLC, a Southwire Company

Serving electric utilities in the United States and Canada for over 30 years, Novinium utilizes its special trained and equipped technicians and line crews and an extensive portfolio of intellectual property, including its proven CableCure® fluid, to efficiently and effectively rehabilitate underground cable. Novinium is part of the Southwire Company, a leader in technology and one of North America's largest wire and cable producers.

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