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Seaspray and Longford to benefit from \$20m electricity upgrade project

Gippsland's electricity provider SP AusNet is undertaking an upgrade of distribution assets to improve the safe and reliable supply of electricity to residents and businesses around Seaspray and Longford.

To be completed by March 2013, the works are part of SP AusNet's \$20 million project to improve powerlines in various locations within eastern, central and northern Victoria.

SP AusNet Project Manager, Abe Friedlander, said SP AusNet is committed to the reliability of its electricity network, with this work set to improve power supply for around 800 local residents in the area.

"Following routine powerline inspections, four power poles and approximately 20 kilometres of conductors in Seaspray and Longford were identified for replacement, which is what our crews will be carrying out from 13 November 2012 to 18 November 2012, with the remainder of the construction work to be completed during February/March 2013," Mr Friedlander said.

"Seaspray and Longford residents may notice increased activity along the Longford – Seaspray Road as crews complete this work," he said.

In order to minimise inconvenience, specialised construction techniques and a generator will be used to complete as much work as possible without needing to turn off the electricity supply to premises.

"Due to the extensive nature of these works, and to enable the works to be completed safely, multiple interruptions to some power supply will likely be required during the construction periods," Mr Friedlander said.

SP AusNet will be writing to advise customers of impending works that will affect their power supply.

Mr Friedlander said SP AusNet understood it was never a good time to be without power, but these upgrade works would ensure customers endured fewer unplanned power outages in the future.

"SP AusNet would like to thank customers for their patience and understanding while we carry out these vital upgrades," he said.

For more information about the project or the power outages, contact SP AusNet's Customer Service Centre on 1300 360 795.

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