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Upgrade of Electricity Distribution System in Westfort

Thunder Bay, ON – As part of its overall commitment to invest in and maintain the reliability of the electricity delivery system in the City of Thunder Bay, crews from Thunder Bay Hydro will be moving into the Westfort area to upgrade the electricity system.

Almost 600 homes in the neighbourhood bordered by Sprague, Empire, Ford and Amelia Streets will experience a few power interruptions during the course of the project as residents are transferred to the new system. The project is expected to begin this month and be completed in December of 2008. The work includes the replacement of hydro poles and power lines. Most of the equipment in the area has reached end of life and presently requires replacement. Trees will also be trimmed as required.

The homes and businesses affected include those located on:

- Streets between Ford/Kingsway and Sprague
 - The *south* side of Empire Street
 - Christina Street
 - Mary Street
 - Brock Street
 - Francis Street
- The west side of Sprague Street between Empire and Amelia.
- A section of Amelia Street between Sprague and Tarbutt.

This project represents a \$2.4 million dollar investment in our infrastructure in the city and is part of an ongoing plan to rebuild as the lifespan of equipment is reached.

Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. is the local distributor of electricity within the City of Thunder Bay serving 49,400 customers within a service territory of 381 sq km and operating a system that is comprised of 19,126 poles totaling 1338 km of lines, 452 km of underground cables, 8777 transformers and 19 substations. The company plans & maintains the local power distribution system and provides 24-hour emergency response while also answering customer inquiries, providing for the reading of meters and offering energy conservation advice and programs.

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