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Hello. We're SP Electricity North West and we operate your local electricity network.

We want to provide an update on our £16m investment programme which will strengthen the electricity network serving Coniston and the surrounding communities.

Teams are carrying out the proactive investment after detailed feedback was sought from residents following Storm Arwen in 2021. Storm Arwen was one of the worst storms Cumbria has seen and caused mass damage to the power network and highlighted vulnerabilities in the ageing infrastructure to Coniston and surrounding areas.

The work includes moving lengthy sections of overhead lines underground, refurbishing sections of overhead lines and installing new circuits. We will also remove overhead lines on Blawith Fell to improve the landscape.

Once complete, the work will reduce the risk of prolonged power outages, meaning a more reliable supply of electricity to homes, businesses and essential services.

We recognise this work will be disruptive and are committed to working with the local community. In response to feedback from residents and businesses we're:

- bringing in additional teams to work in different locations at the same time and extending working, including weekends where possible, reducing the project duration.
- investigating the feasibility of using the full disused railway line. Land rights, consent work and engineering surveys are currently ongoing.
- working closely with Westmorland & Furness Council on traffic management and access arrangements.

Our focus continues to be on delivering this essential investment quickly and safely while keeping the impact to communities, businesses and visitors as low as possible.

We are completing the work in phases, with the first phase outlined below:

- Rectory Lane, Torver – due to reopen 4 October.
- Bog Lane, Barngates – due to reopen 18 October.
- Road closure from Bog Lane to Knipe Fold, 19 October to 12 March.

The A5084 will see significant work to move cables underground over the coming months with the first phase between Rectory Lane to Sunny Bank.

- Temporary traffic lights from 7 October to 1 November.
- Road closure from 2 November to 6 December.
- Temporary traffic lights from 7 December to 24 January 2027.

This will be followed by further work south of Sunny Bank in phases two and three.

We'll provide regular updates, including establishing access arrangements to properties, clearly signing diversion routes and providing additional signage. We are working with the Parish councils and will be holding regular drop-in sessions.

We'll continue to reinforce throughout the project that Coniston and the surrounding areas remain open for business.

Thank you for your cooperation while we carry out this once-in-a-generation, essential upgrade to Coniston's power network which will secure supplies in the area for years to come.

For more information go to www.enwl.co.uk/coniston. If you have any queries relating to the work please contact our team on **0800 195 4141**.

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