

## **Press release**

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Large-scale work on high-voltage grid with best possible visual impact

Renovation work on substations in the Cote region is nearing completion. This project began in 2009 with the aim of scaling up facilities, in tandem with population growth and industrial expansion throughout the region, and increasing security of supply. It has also helped drive a significant reduction in electric power losses during transmission.

Nearly CHF 30 million has been invested since 2009 to modernise the substations in the Cote region (Rolle, Gland, Nyon and Eysins). Strong dialogue with the municipalities concerned from the outset, plus the partnerships with SEIC (Service l'Electricité Intercommunal de la Côte) and the Services Industriels de Nyon, made the whole project seamless. This went a long way to facilitating the various stages of the renovation work and laid a firm foundation for future energy supply. At all times, the municipalities concerned were consulted and brought into the project from the early stages, ahead of the public consultation, so that their preferences could be taken into consideration.

The latest renovations, at the Rolle substation, have significantly reduced land use because almost twothirds of the installations could be buried and the entire facility rehoused in one building. Several masts and overhead line structures could also be removed, making the site more pleasing to the eye for local residents.

The renovation of the Rolle substation marks the final chapter of this comprehensive programme to strengthen supply in the Côte region by increasing the high-voltage level from 40kV to 125kV. This has paved the way for increasing grid capacity in the zone between Rolle and Nyon while facilitating the interconnection with the rest of Vaud canton. The work has also reduced electric power loss in the course of transmission along Romande Energie's high-voltage grid.

Romande Energie is actively helping to reduce carbon intensity in French-speaking Switzerland through its commitment to the clean energy transition and its positive social and environmental policies.

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All its generation assets are driven by renewable sources of energy. Additionally, it is working hand in hand with customers, investors and employees to provide ever-better standards of living through innovative services and a commitment to corporate social responsibility. Romande Energie is dedicated, day in day out, to offering high-grade services and security of supply, just as customers expect, as well as supporting them in transitioning to more sustainable forms of energy.

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