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Planned outages for Connemara electricity supply as ESB to carry out major upgrade of region's network - Dep John Connolly

Electricity outages across southern and western Connemara can be expected between now and the New Year as the ESB carries out a major overdue upgrade of the region's network.

Fianna Fáil Galway West TD, John Connolly, has been informed by ESB Networks that there will be intermittent disruptions to supply in the An Cheathrú Rua, Clifden, Recess, and Screebe areas of Connemara.

The first of the planned outages took place on Monday [22 September] and are scheduled to continue until the end of January 2026. Work will take place on an area-by-area basis. All customers impacted will be notified in advance via post and SMS with the time and date of the outage in their locality.

“The outages are inconvenient for people, as they can last for between four to eight hours, depending on the work, and especially as we are entering the coldest months of the year,” said Dep Connolly. “However they will occur on one or two days only, and will result in better, upgraded, and more reliable electricity services, so in the medium to long term, the public will benefit from these works.”

Dep Connolly pointed out that the works represent an investment in excess of €5 million, and will see the replacement of poles and overhead line components resulting in a better quality network that will also be more resilient in the face of severe weather events.

“Since Storm Éowyn, people within the Connemara area have highlighted an increase in the occurrence of electricity outages. This is due to the current inadequacy of the infrastructure servicing the network. This investment is important in trying to prevent future unexpected outages.”

“It's welcome the ESB's commitment to ensure customers are kept closely informed on when the outages will happen,” said Dep Connolly. “Good communication is vital and will allow people to make provisions in advance of the outages.”

Status updates and estimated restoration times of outages can be viewed on www.PowerCheck.ie.

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