


Generating local solutions



With Bill 35, we had to find a new solution for our communities' electrical needs. None of us were big enough to continue to operate on our own, and at the same time, we all still had a strong commitment to retaining a local utility. So, we created a new alliance—a unique public-private partnership with the help of Canadian Niagara Power.

John Walsh, President and CEO, Rideau St. Lawrence Holdings Inc.

The municipal electric utilities of Cardinal, Prescott, South Dundas and Westport did not want to opt for a provincial solution. Instead, they merged into a single regional utility, Rideau St. Lawrence Holdings, with Canadian Niagara Power as its partner.

“Canadian Niagara Power has been proactively seeking opportunities presented by the restructuring of the electricity industry in Ontario,” explains Mardon J. Erbland, CNP’s President and CEO. “Our investment in this partnership is consistent with our strategy to grow our presence in Ontario.”

With CNP providing support on the board of directors, Rideau St. Lawrence is continuing to serve and distribute electrical power to their customers in the counties of Leeds-Grenville and Stormont-Dundas. They are also looking forward to contributing to the economic success of their municipalities through other utility-related distribution opportunities, such as fibre optics, that complement the traditional wires and poles network.

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