

TERNA: AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE BEGINS FOR RATIONALISATION OF ELECTRICITY GRID IN THE PROVINCE OF MESSINA

Investment around 18 million euros to improve the reliability, security and efficiency of the local electricity service

60 km of overhead lines and 180 pylons to be demolished

Rome, 28 March 2024 – Following the Regional Department of Energy and Public Utilities' launch of the authorisation procedure for rationalisation of the 150 kV electricity grid in the province of Messina, Terna has published a notice indicated the plots of land which may be affected.

The company led by Giuseppina Di Foggia will invest around 18 million euros in the project, which will make it possible to reduce the impact of electrical infrastructure. It will also improve the reliability, security and efficiency of the local electricity service.

Plans involve comprehensive restructuring and modernising of the 150 kV grid around Valle del Mela (ME). The works include special maintenance on existing power lines and the installation of 13 km of new connections and short-distance links, with over one third of these in underground cable, in the municipalities of Rometta, Saponara, Villafranca Tirrena and Messina.

The project, associated with creation of the 380 kV "Sorgente-Rizziconi" power line, follows commitments made with the Sicilian regional authority and municipal authorities affected locally through a Memorandum of Understanding.

The works will enable demolition of approximately 60 km of high-voltage power lines and 180 pylons located in the municipalities of Messina, Rometta, Saponara, Villafranca Tirrena, Spadafora, Venetico, Valdina, Torregrotta, Roccavaldina, Monforte San Giorgio, San Pier Niceto, Condorò, Gualtieri Sicaminò, Pace del Mela, Santa Lucia del Mela and San Filippo del Mela. 180 hectares of land will be freed up.

Citizens, and in particular the owners of the plots affected by the new infrastructure, can consult the project documentation at the offices of the Sicilian Regional Department of Energy and Public Utilities and at the municipal authorities of Messina, Rometta, Saponara and Villafranca Tirrena. For 30 days from publication of the notice, it will also be possible to submit any written observations to the Department, notifying Terna at the same time.