



## Media Release – Kingsville Pole Trussing Project

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E.L.K., in partnership with Entegrus who is providing management services, have been working diligently to increase proactive projects within the communities they service.

“Together, we share the commitment to enhancing the lives of customers through reliable services, and part of making that happen is working on pilot projects, such as Pole Trussing,” emphasized Jim Hogan, President and CEO of Entegrus.

“Pole trussing (or bracing) is a cost-effective alternative method aimed at extending the lifespan of poles by 15 to 20 years,” explained Farooq Hyder, Manager, Engineering and Operations, “Additionally, according to both the manufacturer and the contractor, this approach is capable of restoring pole strength to 95%.”

Pole trussing is a relatively new technique in Ontario but has been successfully implemented in other provinces for several years.

Notably, in Ontario, Hydro One has adopted this method for pole restoration. Furthermore, Infrastructure Ontario has recommended utilities to consider employing this cost-effective method, where feasible. “We will continue to work together to find cost effective solutions that benefit customers in the long run,” states Mayor Bondy, Chair of E.L.K. Energy.



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#### About E.L.K.:

E.L.K. Energy is a Local Distribution Company that services the communities of Belle River, Comber, Cottam, Essex, Harrow and Kingsville in Ontario, Canada. With a peak load of 65 megawatts, we deliver a safe, reliable, and efficient supply of electricity to over 12,600 customers from the residential, commercial, and industrial sectors, through over 168 kilometres of overhead and underground cables, spanning 23 square kilometres of service territory. E.L.K. Energy is wholly owned by the Corporation of the Town of Essex.

#### About Entegrus:

Entegrus operates and maintains electricity distribution systems for over 62,000 customers in Southwestern Ontario and provides general administrative services in the areas of customer care, billing operations and collection services. Entegrus is committed to operating with local values in mind, while delivering safe, reliable, and exceptional service to their customers, partners, and communities.