

# \$1.3 million investment boosts South Wales power network



*WPD Fitter Simon Bubb installing the new transformer.*

A \$1.3 million (£1million) investment has been spent by Western Power Distribution (WPD) on an initiative to upgrade a primary substation located at the top of a South Wales valley.

WPD, the electricity distributor responsible for the area, is committed to investing in its network to improve supply reliability and customer service levels.

This new initiative at Abertysswg in the Rhymney Valley, involves the company replacing almost all of the substation's equipment such as transformers, circuit breakers, switchgear and isolators. It was originally installed in the 1950s and 60s and includes two 57 year old transformers.

The substation's battery system has also been upgraded and its building has also benefited from new heating and lighting systems.

The investment will help to safeguard supply reliability to the area's 8,000 customers, as WPD Project Engineer Stuart Howe explained.

"It ensures that we can provide a high level of service to the Rhymney Valley in the long term, by improving the infrastructure and security of our electricity network," he said.

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