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The German Federation and the Land prepared the law concerning the burial of power lines in Lower Saxony.

Lower Saxony Prime Minister Wulff has announced today the bill concerning the burial of VHT power lines in Lower Saxony that he developed jointly with the Federal Minister for the Environment Gabriel. *"I will assign the resolution of this project to the four group presidents at the Parliament of the Land, so that together we can turn on the law during this legislative period,"* said Mr. Wulff. He specifically thanked the Federal Minister for the Environment Sigmar Gabriel for his constructive cooperation. Sigmar Gabriel for his part praised the role of Lower Saxony: *"The possibility of realizing the burial of VHT power lines removes a major obstacle to the development of renewable energies. Without a rapid development of the network, objectives and climate commitments of the Federal Government could not be reached."*

There is now a possibility for buried Very High Voltages power lines to use a planning process (*i.e.: enforcement obligation*), when the minimum distance that must be set in the program of the Land for air power lines is not respected.

For residential buildings in outlying areas, a minimum distance of 200 m is set out and in residential / urban areas, this minimum distance is set to 400 m.

According to the new regulation, regional parks can no longer be crossed over by the VHT lines. In the future, party underground wiring is now part of an opposable servitude for all future projects of new lines, this in many application fields.

The Bill also opens prospects for the distribution of electric power in the "Wahle-Mecklar" area, with a comparison to the overall cost of the consequences of the impact of these new regulations on its funding through the price of electricity.

It is found that buried wiring can contribute to the reduction of at least half the cost of electric power losses.

It is thus likely that this finding will offset the higher costs associated to the building of buried power lines. *"This new regulation will help, with citizens and not against them, to positively move forward the necessary development of the network. Thus the option of buried power lines, which saves energy, is a real opportunity for the economy"*, said Lower Saxony Prime Minister Wulff.