

# Need for Transmission Development in the Town of Westlock and Hamlet of Fort Assiniboine Areas

*FortisAlberta Inc. (FortisAlberta) has applied to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) for transmission system access to improve the reliability of the electricity services in the Town of Barrhead and the Town of Westlock areas. FortisAlberta's request can be met by the following solution:*

## PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Upgrade the existing Westlock 438S substation, including adding one 138/25 kilovolt (kV) transformer and three 138 kV circuit breakers.
- Modify the existing Fort Assiniboine 234S substation, including adding one 25 kV circuit breaker.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

## NEXT STEPS

- The AESO intends to consider the need for this project for approval under section 501.3 of the ISO rules, Abbreviated Needs Approval Process (ANAP Rule) in early 2019.
- A minimum of 14 days prior to the project being considered under the ANAP Rule, the AESO will notify stakeholders and post supporting documents on the AESO's website at [www.aeso.ca/grid/projects](http://www.aeso.ca/grid/projects).
- If the AESO does not approve the need for this project under the ANAP Rule, the AESO may submit a needs identification document (NID) application to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for approval of the need for this project.

*The following organizations have key roles and responsibilities in providing access to the transmission system:*

## THE AESO

- Must plan the transmission system and enable access to it for generators and other qualified customers.
- Can approve certain requests for system access service through the ANAP. If this project no longer qualifies for approval under the ANAP, the AESO will prepare and submit a NID.
- Is regulated by the AUC and must apply to the AUC for approval of its NID.

## ALTALINK

- Is the transmission facility owner in the Westlock and Fort Assiniboine areas.
- Is responsible for detailed siting and routing, constructing, operating and maintaining the transmission facilities.
- Is regulated by the AUC and must apply to the AUC for approval of its transmission facilities applications.

## WHO IS THE AESO?

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) plans and operates Alberta's electricity grid and wholesale electricity market safely, reliably and in the public interest of all Albertans. We are a not-for-profit organization with no financial interest or investment of any kind in the power industry.

We appreciate your views, both on the need for transmission system development and proposed transmission plans. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us directly.

## CONTACT US

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