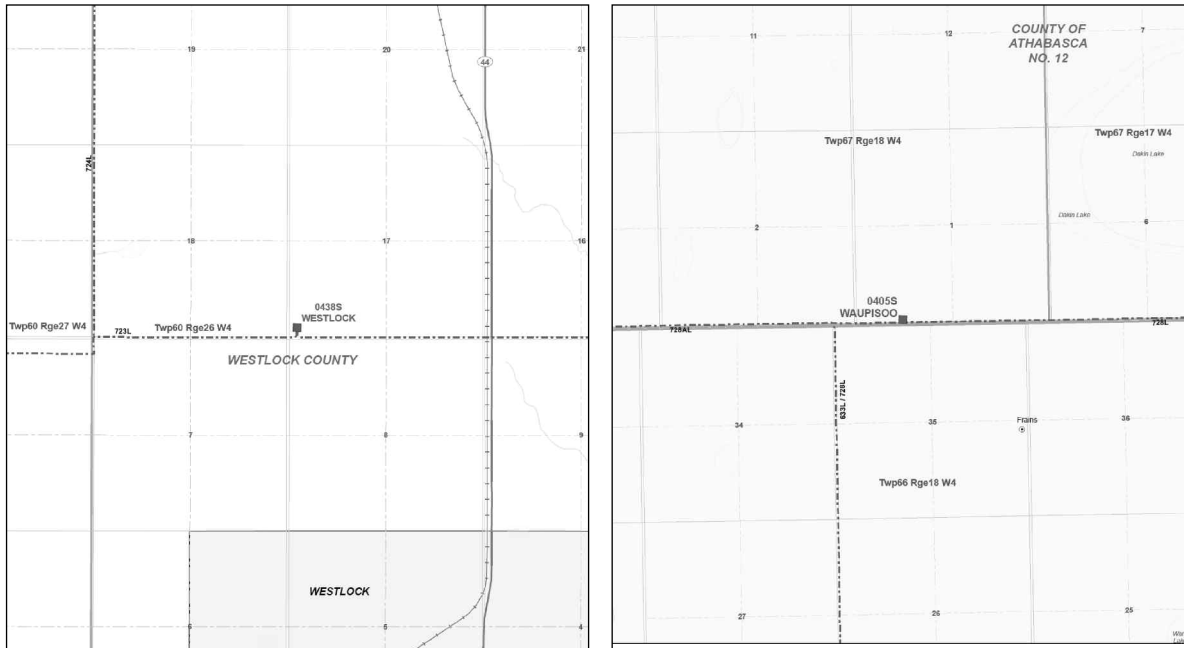


# Notification of Regulatory Filing for Transmission System Reinforcement in the Westlock Area

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) advises you of its intention to file a Needs Identification Document with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to upgrade existing transmission substations in the Westlock area.

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is recommending the addition of a 25 kV breaker inside the Westlock 438S substation and expanding an existing capacitor bank inside the Waupisoo 405S substation, to meet the growing need for electricity in the Westlock area. The maps below show the locations of this proposed transmission reinforcement.

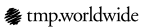


The AESO and Transmission Facility Owner (TFO) AltaLink presented this need to residents near these substations and other stakeholders during a variety of consultation activities held in the fall of 2009. The AESO weighed insights gathered from stakeholders with technical and cost considerations and has decided to apply to the AUC to have these transmission facilities upgraded. The AESO will file its Needs Identification Document with the AUC by February 15, 2010. AltaLink will file a facilities application with the AUC to carry out this work. The AESO will request the AUC to consider both needs and facilities applications in a combined process.

Please visit our website, [www.aeso.ca](http://www.aeso.ca) for more information, or contact the AESO at 1-888-866-2959 or [stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca](mailto:stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca). A copy of the need application will be available for download at <http://www.aeso.ca/transmission/16386.html>.

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