Participant Involvement Program Summary

Fort Saskatchewan Path2Zero Expansion Connection

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1. Introduction

Between October 2024 and June 2025 the AESO conducted a Participant Involvement Program (PIP) for the *Fort Saskatchewan Path2Zero Expansion Connection Needs Identification Document*. The AESO directed the legal owner of transmission facilities (TFO), in this case AltaLink Management Ltd., in its capacity as general partner of AltaLink, L.P., to assist the AESO in providing notification as part of the AESO's PIP.

The AESO's PIP is designed to notify Stakeholders and Indigenous groups in the area where the AESO has reasonably determined that facilities could be installed to implement the AESO's preferred option to respond to the request for system access service.

The AESO's PIP has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.1.2, NID12 and Appendix A2 of the current Alberta Utilities Commission (Commission) Rule 007 (AUC Rule 007), effective November 6, 2025.

2. Stakeholder and Indigenous Group Notification

The AESO developed a one-page AESO Need Overview document with the purpose of notifying Stakeholders and Indigenous groups of the following items:

- a description of the need for development;
- a description of the AESO's preferred option to respond to the system access service request;
- identification of the general area where facilities could be installed to implement the AESO's preferred option to respond to the system access service request;
- the AESO's contact information, including telephone, email and website, for further information; and
- the AESO's next steps.

A copy of the Need Overview was posted to the AESO website at https://www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects/fort-saskatchewan-path2zero-expansion-connection-2614/ and a notice was published in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on October 30, 2024. Copies of the Need Overview posting and the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter notice have been included as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively. The Need Overview was also included with the TFO's project-specific information package that was distributed to Stakeholders and Indigenous groups, as further described in Section 2.1.

2.1 Stakeholders and Indigenous Groups Notified in the TFO's PIP

The TFO has advised the AESO that its PIP included notification within 800 metres of new transmission line and 100 metres of the transmission line to be salvaged as recommended by the Commission in Appendix A1 in AUC Rule 007.[1]

The TFO notified a total 52 Stakeholders, of which 25 were classified as private or individual landowner. The other 24 notified Stakeholders and the 3 notified Indigenous Groups are listed below:

- ATCO Pipelines
- Canadian National Railway
- Canadian Natural Resources Limited
- Chevron Canada
- City of Fort Saskatchewan
- Cosmos (Canada) SPV, ULC
- DOW Chemical Canada ULC
- Enoch Cree Nation #440
- Fort Augustus Developments Ltd.
- FortisAlberta Inc.

[1] The TFO has identified its facility application to be of the type: *Overhead transmission line and new substation development – rural or industrial setting* and *Decommission and salvage – transmission facility*, as categorized in AUC Rule 007, Appendix A1, Section 5.

- Keyera Energy Ltd.
- Lac Ste. Anne Metis Community Association
- Linde Canada Inc.
- Ministry of Arts, Culture and Status of Women
- Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas
- Ministry of Forestry and Parks
- Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors
- Nav Canada
- Nutrien
- Paul First Nation
- Sherritt International Corporation
- Strongwater Energy Ltd.
- Sturgeon County
- Telus Communications
- Tidewater Midstream
- TransAlta CoGeneration Ltd.
- Transport Canada

Attachment 3 includes the TFO's project newsletter, which included the AESO Need Overview that was distributed to the Stakeholders and Indigenous groups described above between October 23, 2024, and March 27, 2025. The TFO's project newsletter was posted on the TFO's project-specific webpage https://www.altalink.ca/project/dow-fort-saskatchewan-load/ on October 23, 2024. The TFO's project information package included the AESO's contact information, a description of the AESO's role, a reference to the AESO Need Overview, and an invitation to contact the TFO or the AESO for additional information.

3. Filing Notification

In June 2025, the AESO submitted a Needs Identification Document Checklist to the AUC. A copy of the Needs Identification Document Checklist was posted to the AESO website at https://www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects/fort-saskatchewan-path2zero-expansion-connection-2614/ and a notice was published in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on June 3, 2025. Copies of the posting and the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter notice have been included as Attachments 4 and 5, respectively.

4. Responding to Questions and Concerns

To ensure that Stakeholders and Indigenous groups had the opportunity to provide feedback, the AESO provided Stakeholders and Indigenous groups with the AESO's contact information, including a dedicated, toll-free telephone line (1-888-866-2959) and a dedicated email address (stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca). The AESO Need Overview included this contact information, along with the AESO's mailing address (3000, 240 4th Ave. SW, Calgary) and website address (www.aeso.ca), and a privacy statement that described how the AESO is committed to protecting Stakeholders' privacy.

As directed by the AESO, the TFO was prepared to direct any Stakeholder questions addressed to the AESO, or questions regarding the AESO Need Overview, to the AESO.

5. Questions and Concerns Raised

One industry stakeholder raised concerns to the AESO about the transmission line route selection and temporary workspaces. The AESO responded to the stakeholder by identifying the roles and responsibility of the AESO and explained that these concerns should be directed to the TFO.

The TFO has advised the AESO that none of the Stakeholders or Indigenous groups notified by the TFO identified any concerns or objections regarding the AESO's preferred option to respond to the system access service request or the need for development.

Apart from the inquiry above, the AESO has not received any indication of concerns or objections about the AESO's preferred option to respond to the system access service request or the need for development.

6. List of Attachments

- Attachment 1 – AESO Need Overview (October 2024)
- Attachment 2 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Need Overview Notice (October 30, 2024)
- Attachment 3 – TFO Project Newsletter – Dow Fort Saskatchewan Load (October 2024)
- Attachment 4 – AESO Needs Identification Document Checklist Posting (June 3, 2025)
- Attachment 5 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Needs Identification Document Checklist Notice (June 3, 2025)

Attachment 1 – AESO Need Overview (October 2024)

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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.

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Attachment 2 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Need Overview Notice (October 30, 2024)

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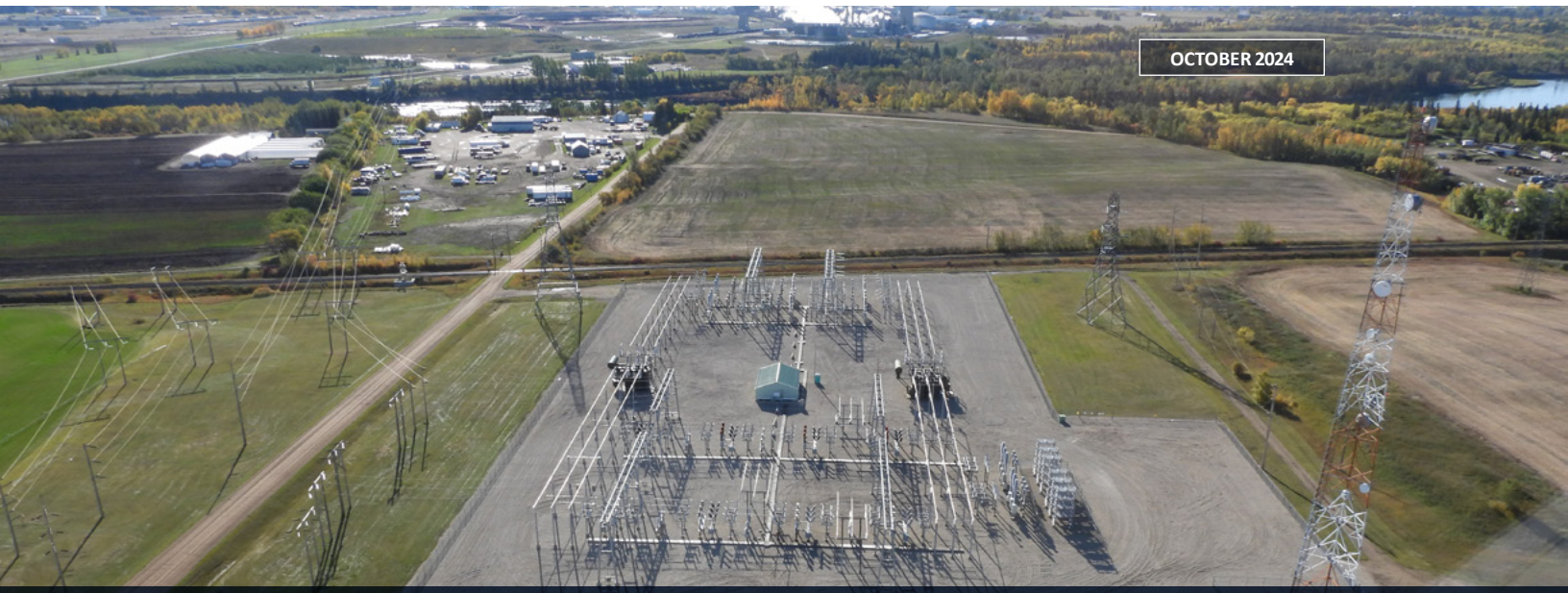
Need Overview | Fort Saskatchewan Path2Zero Expansion Connection

Dow Chemical Canada ULC (Dow Chemical) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to reliably connect its proposed Fort Saskatchewan Path2Zero Expansion (Facility) in the Fort Saskatchewan area.

Click here to view details of the proposed transmission development and access the Need Overview document or visit aeso.ca: Grid > Transmission Projects > Fort Saskatchewan Path2Zero Expansion Connection (P2614).

Attachment 3 – TFO Project Newsletter – Dow Fort Saskatchewan Load (October 2024

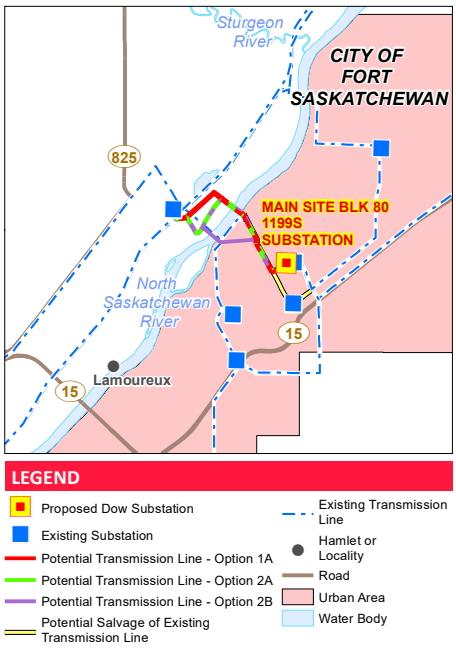


Dow Fort Saskatchewan Load

You are receiving this newsletter because you are near the Dow Fort Saskatchewan Load project, and we want your input.

To connect Dow Chemical Canada's (Dow) substation Main Site BLK 80 1199S to the grid, AltaLink is proposing changes to its **transmission** system within the City of Fort Saskatchewan and Sturgeon County.

Although AltaLink's project is required to connect Dow's project, it is a separate project. Dow will consult separately on their proposed project. For more information about Dow's project, see their contact information included in this newsletter.



Project details

To connect Dow's proposed project to the grid, AltaLink is proposing to:

- build two new 240 **kilovolt** (kV) single-**circuit** transmission lines between Dow's project and AltaLink's existing **substation** called Lamoureux 71S
- modify existing transmission lines to accommodate the construction of the two new lines
- remove the existing D782L transmission line that is no longer in use and is not connected to the grid
- add or modify associated structures and equipment as needed
- install underground **fibre optic cable** and **optical ground wire**

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2024 - MAY 2025
Notify and consult with stakeholders

AUGUST 2025
File application with Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)

OCTOBER 2025
Start construction if project is approved

AUGUST 2026
Construction completed

Although we attempt to follow the anticipated project schedule it is subject to change. We will continue to provide you with updated schedule information if required as the project progresses.

DEFINITIONS:

Transmission | *Transmission lines are Alberta's electric highway, linking the places where power is generated to where power is used. Transmission lines transport large amounts of power over long distances across the province. The transmission system connects diverse sources of generation.*

Kilovolt (kV) | *A kilovolt is equal to one thousand volts and is commonly used when describing transmission and distribution lines. AltaLink's transmission lines range from 69 kV (69,000 volts) to 500 kV (500,000 volts). Light bulbs typically range from 120 to 300 volts.*

Circuit | *A circuit is three wires. Transmission line structures can be single or double circuit, and this affects how much electricity the structure carries. Single circuit transmission lines have three wires strung along the structures. A double circuit transmission line has six wires and carries double the amount of electricity.*

Substation | *Substations are the connection points between power lines of varying voltages and contain equipment that controls and protects the flow of power. Substations include transformers that step down and step up the voltage so power can be transmitted through transmission lines or distributed to your community through distribution lines.*

Fibre optic cable | *Fibre optic cable allows us to communicate effectively between a customer connection point or substation and our control centre and provides valuable data that will be used to maintain the reliability of Alberta's electric system.*

New transmission lines

The two new 240 kV single-circuit transmission lines will each be approximately 3.5 kilometres long depending on the final route selected. The maps within this package outline three preliminary proposed route options. Only one of the three proposed routes will be selected for construction based on additional engineering and stakeholder consultation.

All three route options may require a combination of the following structures:

Above: *Self-supporting steel poles will be used to anchor the ends or corners of the new transmission lines. These poles will be between 28 to 40 metres tall.*

Above: *Steel single monopole structures will be used throughout the new transmission lines. These monopoles will be between 25 to 32 metres tall.*

Above: Steel H-Frame structures on the new transmission lines will be between 26 to 32 metres tall.

A **right-of-way** of approximately 25-70 metres will be required. Where the transmission lines cross the North Saskatchewan River, a right-of-way of up to 90 metres will be required. Right-of-ways will be located on a combination of private and crown land. AltaLink will contact all affected right-of-way stakeholders to discuss access agreements.

Transmission line and equipment modifications

To accommodate the two new transmission lines, AltaLink is proposing to modify its existing 920L and 921L transmission lines by:

- replacing one steel double-circuit lattice structure that connects the 920L and 921L lines to the existing Lamoureux substation with two new single-circuit monopole structures made of steel
    - replacement structures will be between 28 to 40 metres tall, which is similar to the height of the existing structures

AltaLink is also proposing to:

- remove the existing 782L transmission line in order to reuse the alignment for the construction of the new transmission lines
- add or modify associated structures and equipment within the existing Lamoureux substation as needed
    - all substation modifications will take place inside the existing substation fenceline

Fibre optic cable and optical ground wire

AltaLink will install up to 30 metres of underground fibre optic cable between the Dow substation and the new transmission lines.

Optical ground wire will also be installed along the length of the two new transmission lines as required.

Providing your input

We will contact landowners, residents, and occupants near the proposed project to gather input and address questions or concerns.

After our consultation and notification process is complete, we will file an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC).

We will notify stakeholders when we file the application and again once the AUC has reached a decision about the project. To learn more about the AUC process and how you can become involved, please refer to the brochure included in this package titled Participating in the AUC's independent review process to consider facility applications.

DID YOU KNOW? *With more than 13,300 kilometres of transmission line and 311 substations, AltaLink is Alberta's largest regulated electricity transmission provider. Millions of Albertans count on us for the energy that powers their lives.*

The steel double-circuit lattice structure on the 920/921L (above) will be replaced with two new single-circuit monopoles made of steel (below).

DEFINITIONS CONTINUED:

Optical ground wire | *This equipment provides lightning protection and is part of a telecommunication network that allows AltaLink to monitor, control, protect, and restore the electric system.*

Right-of-way | *The right-of-way is a strip of land required for the construction and safe operation of a transmission line. A right-of-way refers to the physical space a transmission line encompasses including areas on either side of the line. The majority of the right-of-way can still be used by the landowner. Buildings cannot be placed on the right-of-way, but can be built up to the edge of the right-of-way.*

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF)

AltaLink recognizes that people may have concerns about exposure to EMF and we take those concerns seriously.

Everyone in our society is exposed to power frequency EMF from many sources, including:

- power lines and other electrical facilities
- electrical appliances in your home
- building wiring

National and international organizations such as Health Canada and the World Health Organization (WHO) have been conducting and reviewing research on exposure to EMF for more than 40 years. Based on this research, these agencies have not recommended that the general public needs to take steps to limit their everyday exposure to EMF from high voltage transmission lines, including individuals that are located on the edge of a power line right-of-way.

If you have any questions about EMF, please contact us.

Website: www.altalink.ca/emf
Email: emfdialogue@altalink.ca
Toll-free phone number: 1-866-451-7817

INCLUDED IN THIS INFORMATION PACKAGE:

- Project maps
- AUC brochure: *Participating in the AUC's independent review process to consider facility applications*
- AESO need overview

Contact us

To learn more about the proposed project please contact:

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1-877-267-1453 (toll free)
E-mail: stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca

To subscribe to this project:

visit www.altalink.ca/projects, search for the project title, and click 'subscribe to updates'

For more information about how AltaLink protects your personal information: visit our website at www.altalink.ca/privacy or contact us directly via e-mail privacy@altalink.ca or phone at 1-877-267-6760.

To learn more about the Dow Chemical Canada project, please contact:

Email: canada@dow.com
Phone: 780-992-2894

To learn more about Alberta's electric system and the need for the project, please contact:

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The AESO is an independent, not-for-profit organization responsible for the safe, reliable, and economic planning and operation of the provincial transmission grid. For more information about why this project is needed, please refer to the AESO's Need Overview included with this package or visit www.aeso.ca. If you have any questions or concerns about the need for this project or the proposed transmission development to meet the need you may contact the AESO directly. You can make your questions or concerns known to a transmission facility owner representative who will collect your personal information for the purpose of addressing your questions and/or concerns to the AESO. This process may include disclosure of your personal information to the AESO.

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Option 2B requires two crossings of the North Saskatchewan River.

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- Existing Substation
- Potential Transmission Line - Option 1A
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- Potential Transmission Line - Option 2B
- Potential Salvage of Existing Transmission Line
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- Potential Right of Way Boundary
- Proposed Customer Substation
- Temporary Workspace
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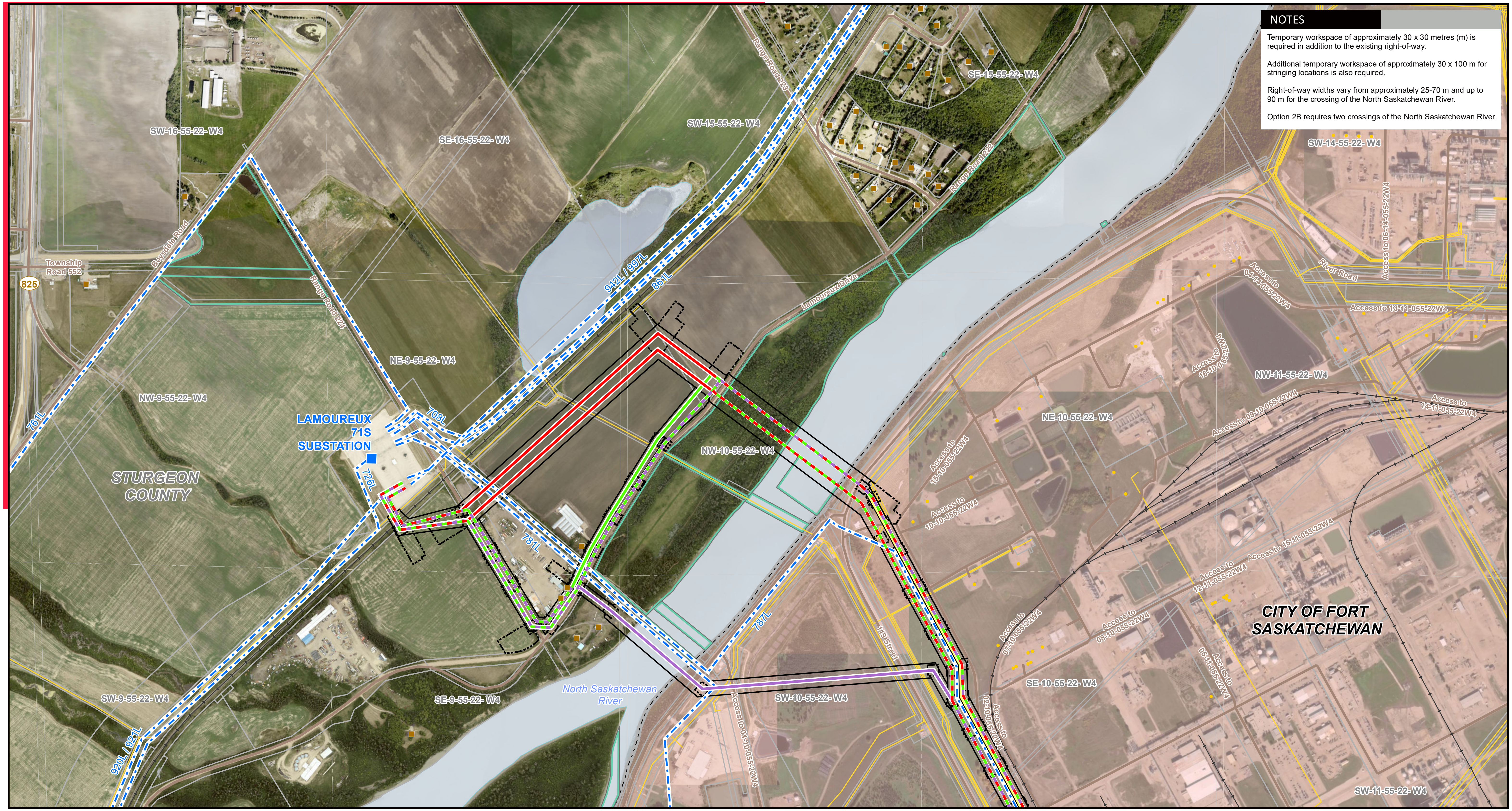

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1199S
SUBSTATION

DOW CHEMICAL
166S
SUBSTATION

ROSS CREEK
906S
SUBSTATION

SHERRITT
172S
SUBSTATION

STURGEON COUNTY

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

North Saskatchewan River

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920L / 921L | 726L | 718L | 709L | 707L | 796L | 862L | 787L | D782L

Lemoureux Drive | River Road | 105 Avenue | 110 Street | 99 Avenue | 111 Street | 100 Avenue | 103 Avenue | 109 Street | 103 Street | 102 Avenue | 101 Street | 100A Street | 104 Street | Range Road 224A | 15

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The AUC regulatory review process to consider facility applications for utility projects

The AUC uses an established process to review social, economic and environmental impacts of facility projects to decide if approval of a project is in the public interest.

The AUC considers applications requesting approval of the need for transmission development and facilities applications seeking approval to construct, operate, alter and decommission electric and natural gas facilities. Applications, as specified in AUC Rule 007, are required for:

- The need for transmission upgrades.
- The route and location of transmission facilities.
- The siting of power plants.
- The construction of a battery storage system.
- The designation of an industrial system.
- The need for and siting of natural gas utility pipelines.

Sometimes the Alberta Electric System Operator's needs identification document application is considered together with a facility application in a single proceeding; sometimes separate proceedings are held to consider each application.

Application review process

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Step 1: Public consultation prior to applying to the AUC

An applicant seeking approval of a proposed utility development project is required to engage in a participant involvement program prior to filing an application with the AUC. The public involvement program involves consultation with persons whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by the proposed project so that concerns may be raised, addressed and, if possible, resolved.

The application guidelines and requirements for facility applications can be found in AUC Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations, Hydro Developments and Gas Utility Pipelines*.

Potentially affected parties are strongly encouraged to participate in the public consultation, also called a participant involvement program. Early, active and ongoing discussions with an applicant may lead to greater influence on project planning and what is submitted to the AUC for approval.

Step 2: Application filed to the AUC

When the applicant has concluded its consultation with potentially affected parties and the participant involvement requirements have been completed, the applicant files its application through the AUC online public filing system, called the eFiling System.

AUC staff members review each application submitted to verify that all of the application requirements in Rule 007 have been met before an application is deemed complete. If all of the required information is not provided, the application may be closed or missing information will be requested of the applicant. Rule 007 specifies, among other requirements, that applicants must submit the results of a public involvement program in its application that includes information about how applicants consulted and notified stakeholders and Indigenous groups and identifies any unresolved objections and concerns about the project.

Step 3: Public notice

When the AUC receives an application it is assigned a proceeding number and the AUC generally mails a notice of application directly to those who live, operate a business or occupy land in the project area who may be directly and adversely affected if the AUC approves the application. The notice initiates the opportunity for formal intervention in the proceeding to consider an application or applications. The notice of application will also set out important dates and information about where to find the application and other items being considered. The five-digit eFiling System proceeding number in the notice is the most efficient way to find information about a proposed project through the AUC website.

Step 4: Public submissions to the AUC

Prior to the submission deadline provided in the notice, formal submissions of outstanding concerns and unresolved objections about a project may be submitted to the AUC. To submit a concern, participants will need to register to participate in the proceeding, which involves providing a brief written statement called a statement of intent to participate. Submissions are filed electronically through the eFiling System. The information filed becomes part of the public record and is an important part of the process to ensure that outstanding concerns are heard, understood and considered.

The AUC uses the information gathered through statement of intent to participate submissions to decide whether to hold a hearing on the application(s). The AUC must hold a hearing if a concerned person can demonstrate that they have rights that may be directly or adversely affected by the AUC's decision on the application. Such a person is said to have standing before the AUC. If the AUC decides to hold a hearing, the AUC will provide further opportunities for participants with standing to ask the applicant questions on the public record and present their position on the application either in writing or in person. Hearings may

be held in writing, in person or virtually through web-conference software.

AUC eFiling System

The eFiling System is the online tool that the AUC uses to manage applications and submissions in its proceeding-based review. The eFiling System gives access to all public documents associated with an application. The system is also used to submit your concerns and provide input to the AUC and can be used to monitor related proceeding filings. Those who do not have access to the internet can send submissions, evidence and other material by mail and the AUC will upload the submission on their behalf.

Step 5: Consultation and negotiation (if applicable)

The AUC supports efforts to reach a mutually agreeable outcome among the applicant and affected parties. The AUC encourages the applicant and those who have filed a statement of intent to participate to continue to attempt to resolve any outstanding issues. If all concerns can be satisfactorily resolved this may eliminate the need for a formal hearing. However, if there continues to be unresolved issues, those matters will typically be addressed in an AUC hearing.

Step 6: The public hearing process

The AUC will issue a notice of hearing if a person with standing continues to have legitimate unresolved concerns with the application. The notice of hearing will provide a hearing date and location, or specify if the hearing will be held in writing or virtually. When the AUC holds a public hearing, registered parties are given the opportunity to express their views directly to a panel of Commission members. Any member of the public can listen to an in-person or virtual oral hearing. An oral public hearing operates similar to a court proceeding.

Participants in a hearing can either represent themselves or be represented by a lawyer. In addition, participants may hire experts to assist in preparing and presenting evidence to support their position.

Cost assistance

A person determined by the AUC to have standing or a local intervener can apply for reimbursement of reasonable costs. Those who hire a lawyer or technical experts must be aware that while reimbursement for the costs of legal and technical assistance is available under AUC Rule 009: *Rules on Local Intervener Costs*, recovery of costs is subject to the AUC's assessment of the value of the contribution provided by the lawyer and technical experts in assisting the AUC to understand the specifics of the case. It is also subject to the AUC's published scale of costs.

People with similar interests and positions are expected and encouraged to work together to ensure that expenditures for legal or technical assistance are minimized and costs are not duplicated.

Step 7: The decision

The AUC's goal is to issue its written decision no more than 90 days after the close of record. The AUC can approve, or deny an application and can also make its approval conditional upon terms or conditions. AUC decisions are publicly available through the AUC website at www.auc.ab.ca.

Step 8: Opportunity to appeal

An applicant or participant in a proceeding may formally ask the Court of Appeal of Alberta for permission to appeal an AUC decision. An application for permission to appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date the decision is issued.

An applicant or participant in a proceeding can also ask the AUC to review its decision. An application to review a decision must be filed within 30 days from the date the decision is issued and satisfy the limited grounds described in AUC Rule 016: *Review of Commission Decisions*.

Step 9: Construction, operation and compliance

An applicant that receives approval to build and operate a facility from the AUC is expected to follow through on any commitments it has made to parties and must adhere to any conditions that were set out in that approval. If concerns about compliance with approval conditions and post-construction operations cannot be resolved with the applicant, they can be brought to the AUC's attention for consideration. The AUC has significant compliance and enforcement powers for all approved applications. Additional information is available on the AUC website.

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We are committed to ensuring that Albertans whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by a utility development project are informed of the application and have the opportunity to have their concerns heard, understood and considered.

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Attachment 4 –AESO Needs Identification Document Checklist Posting (June 3, 2025)

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Fort Saskatchewan Path2Zero Expansion Connection

Needs Identification Document

Fort Saskatchewan Path2Zero Expansion Connection Needs Identification Document Checklist [Posted: June 3, 2025]

Attachment - Cost Estimate
Attachment - Proposed Transmission Development

Attachment 5 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Needs Identification Document Checklist Notice (June 3, 2025)

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Needs Identification Document Checklist | Fort Saskatchewan Path2Zero Expansion Connection

On June 3, the AESO filed a Needs Identification Document (NID) Checklist for the Fort Saskatchewan Path2Zero Expansion Connection with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). The NID was also posted to the AESO website on June 3.

Click here to view the NID or visit aeso.ca: Grid > Transmission Projects > Fort Saskatchewan Path2Zero Expansion Connection (2614).