

APPENDIX C - PARTICIPANT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

Fincastle 336S Substation Upgrade

PIP Summary

1.0 Participant Involvement Program

1.1 PIP Design

The AESO's Participant Involvement Program (PIP) is designed to notify the parties notified in the transmission facility owner's (TFO's) PIP and any other parties that the AESO determines may have an interest in the needs identification document, including, but not limited to:

- i. occupants, landowners or residents;
- ii. local authorities, agencies and government which have responsibilities related to electric transmission line development;
- iii. First Nations and Métis; and
- iv. market participants

(collectively, Stakeholders).

The AESO's PIP has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 6.2.1, NID19 and Appendix A2 of the current Alberta Utilities Commission Rule 007 (AUC Rule 007), effective July 4, 2017.

From November 2017 to February 2018, the AESO conducted a PIP to assist in preparing its *Fincastle 336S Substation Upgrade Needs Identification Document* (NID). The AESO directed the 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.

1.2 Stakeholder Notification

The AESO developed a one-page AESO Need Overview document that notified Stakeholders 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, including the AESO's intention to apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of the need.

On November 30, 2017, a copy of the Need Overview was posted to the AESO website at <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/projects/fincastle-336s-substation-upgrade> and a project notice was

published in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter. 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 packages that were distributed to Stakeholders, as further described below.

Stakeholders Notified in the TFO's PIP

The TFO has advised the AESO that its PIP included notification within 800 m of the substation boundary, in accordance with AUC Rule 007.

The TFO notified a total of approximately 22 Stakeholders, of which 10 were classified as private or individual landowners. The other 12 notified Stakeholders and the TFO's rationale for their inclusion in the PIP are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of Notified Agency and Industry Stakeholders

Stakeholder	TFO's Rationale for Inclusion
Municipal District of Taber	Municipal requirements (land use authority)
Alberta Culture and Tourism	Provincial requirements
Alberta Environment and Parks – Fish and Wildlife	Provincial requirements
Alberta Environment and Parks – Regional Approvals	Provincial requirements
Alberta Transportation – Development Control	Provincial requirements
ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd	Oil & Gas Facility Owner in the notification area.
Aura Power Renewables Limited	Renewable Energy Developer in the notification Area
Conagra Limited	Substation Land Owner.
Lamb Weston Canada ULC	Industrial Facility Owner in the notification area.
Canada Pacific Limited	Railway Facility Owner in the notification area.
Taber Irrigation District Board of Directors	Irrigation provider in the notification area.
Telus Communications Company	Telecommunications Facility Owner in the notification area.

Attachment 3 includes the TFO's project newsletter, which were included in the TFO project-specific information package that was distributed to the Stakeholders described above between November 28, 2017 and January 25, 2018. The TFO's project newsletter 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.

The TFO's project newsletter and the AESO Need Overview were also posted on the TFO's project-specific webpage at <http://www.altalink.ca/projects/view/288/fortis-fincastle-substation-upgrade>.

1.3 Filing Notification

Most recently, the AESO notified Stakeholders of its intention to submit the NID to the Commission by posting a Notification of NID Filing to the AESO website at <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/projects/fincastle-336s-substation-upgrade/> on February 21, 2018 and a notice in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on February 20, 2018. Copies of the Notification of NID Filing posting and the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter notice have been included as Attachments 4 and 5 respectively.

1.4 Responding to Questions and Concerns

To ensure that Stakeholders had the opportunity to provide feedback, the AESO provided Stakeholders with AESO 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 (2500, 330 5th 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.

1.5 Concerns and Objections Raised

The TFO has advised that Stakeholders have not identified any concerns or objections regarding the AESO's preferred option to respond to the system access service request or the need for development. The AESO has not received any indication of concerns or objections from any party about the AESO's preferred option to respond to the system access service request or the need for development.

1.6 List of Attachments

- Attachment 1 – AESO Need Overview (November 30, 2017)
- Attachment 2 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Need Overview Notice (November 30, 2017)
- Attachment 3 – TFO's Project Newsletter - *Fortis Fincastle Substation Upgrade*
- Attachment 4 – AESO Public Notification of NID Filing Website Posting (February 21, 2018)
- Attachment 5 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter NID Filing Notice (February 20, 2018)

Attachment 1 – AESO Need Overview (November 30, 2017)

Need for the Fincastle 336S Substation Upgrade in the Town of Taber area

FortisAlberta Inc. (FortisAlberta) has applied to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) for transmission system access to serve growing demand for electricity in and around the Municipal District of Taber. FortisAlberta's request can be met by the following solution:

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Upgrade the existing Fincastle 336S substation, including adding a 138/25 kilovolt (kV) transformer and two 138 kV circuit breakers.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

NEXT STEPS

- The AESO intends to apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for approval of the need in mid-2018.
- The AESO's needs identification document (NID) application will be available on the AESO's website at www.aeso.ca/grid/projects at the time of its application to the AUC.

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.
- Is regulated by the AUC and must apply to the AUC for approval of its NID.

ALTALINK MANAGEMENT LTD.

- Is the transmission facility owner in and around the Municipal District of Taber.
- 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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Attachment 2 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Need Overview Notice (November 30, 2017)

Fincastle 336S Substation Upgrade – Need for Transmission Development in the Town of Taber Area

FortisAlberta Inc. (FortisAlberta) has applied to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) for transmission system access to reliably serve growing demand for electricity in and around the Municipal District of Taber. FortisAlberta's request can be met by the following solution:

- Upgrade the existing Fincastle 336S substation, including adding one 138/25 kilovolt (kV) transformer and two 138 kV circuit breakers.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

The AESO has posted a Need Overview for this project on its website. Please [click here](#) to view the document or visit the AESO website at www.aeso.ca and follow the path Grid > Projects > Fincastle 336S Substation Upgrade.

Attachment 3 – TFO’s Project Newsletter - *Fortis Fincastle Substation Upgrade*

Electric system improvements near you

Fortis Fincastle Substation Upgrade

You are receiving this newsletter because you are near the Fortis Fincastle Substation Upgrade project and we want your input.

FortisAlberta has requested upgrades to the electric system in your area to meet the growing demand for electricity. **Substation** upgrades will ensure residents and businesses continue to have a reliable supply of power.

We are providing you with:

- project details
- a map of the proposed project site
- information about how you can provide your input
- the project schedule

AltaLink's transmission system efficiently delivers electricity to 85 per cent of Albertans. Dedicated to meeting the growing need for electricity, AltaLink connects Albertans to renewable, reliable and low-cost power. With a commitment to community and environment, AltaLink is ensuring the transmission system will support Albertans' quality of life for years to come. Learn more at www.altalink.ca.

DEFINITION:

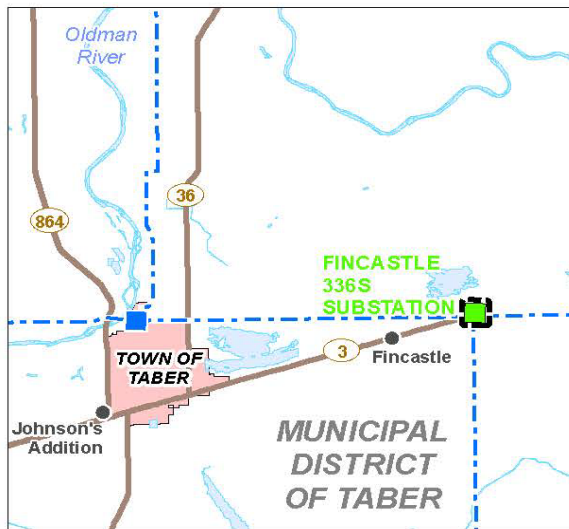
Substation

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 up and step down the voltage so power can be transmitted through transmission lines or distributed to your community through distribution lines.

CONTACT US

1-877-267-1453

stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca
www.altalink.ca/projects



LEGEND

- Proposed Upgrade to Existing Substation
- Existing Substation
- Existing Transmission Line
- Hamlet or Locality
- Road
- Urban Area
- Water Body



Above: the existing Fincastle Substation



Left: a typical control and switchgear building

Right: a typical 138/25 kV transformer

Project details

The proposed project involves adding equipment to the existing Fincastle Substation, approximately one kilometre southeast of Fincastle Lake on Range Road 153 (SW-15-10-15-W4).

If approved, the substation upgrade includes adding the following new equipment to the substation:

- one new 138/25 kV **transformer**
- two new 138 kV **circuit breakers** and associated equipment
- one new combined control and **switchgear building** containing four new 25 kV circuit breakers

In addition, a fence expansion to the north will be required to accommodate the new equipment. The north fenceline will also be expanded (please refer to the included map for dimension details). Construction will take place on private land leased to AltaLink. AltaLink will use a mobile substation and temporary workspace during the construction period.

Definitions

Transformers step up and step down the voltage in a substation so power can be distributed safely to your community through distribution lines. Transformers also step up the voltage so power can be transmitted through transmission lines.

Circuit breakers are electrical switches inside a substation that protect substation equipment. Circuit breakers help ensure the safety and reliability of the electric equipment.

Switchgear buildings house electrical equipment such as cables, switches and breakers and ensure electrical equipment is protected.

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF)

Altalink recognizes that people have concerns about exposure to Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF) and we take those concerns seriously. Everyone in our society is exposed to 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 have been conducting and reviewing research about EMF for more than 40 years. Based on this research, these organizations have not recommended the general public take steps to limit their everyday exposure to EMF from electrical facilities. 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

Providing your input

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

After the consultation process is complete we will file an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). The AUC will review the application through a process in which stakeholders can participate.

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 *Public involvement in a proposed utility development*.

Anticipated project schedule

Notify and consult with stakeholders	Late 2017 to early 2018
File application with Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)	Spring 2018
Start construction if project is approved	Fall 2018
Construction completed	Spring 2019

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.

Contact us

To learn more about the proposed project please contact:

ALTALINK

1-877-267-1453 (toll free)

E-mail: stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca

Website: www.altalink.ca/projects

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

ALBERTA ELECTRIC SYSTEM OPERATOR (AESO)

1-888-866-2959

E-mail: stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca

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 you may contact the AESO directly. You can make your questions or concerns known to an AltaLink 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.

To learn more about the application and review process, please contact:

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION (AUC)

780-427-4903 (toll-free by dialing 310-0000 before the number.)

E-mail: consumer-relations@auc.ab.ca

PRIVACY COMMITMENT

AltaLink is committed to protecting your privacy. AltaLink will collect, use, and disclose personal information in accordance with AltaLink's Privacy Policy and the *Personal Information Protection Act* (Alberta). As part of the regulatory process for new transmission projects, AltaLink may provide your personal information to Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). 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.

INCLUDED IN THIS INFORMATION PACKAGE:

- Project map
- AESO Need Overview
- AUC brochure: *Public involvement in a proposed utility development*

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- 1) Visit: altalink.ca/projects
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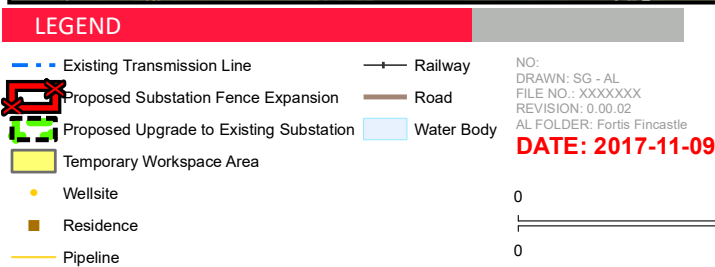
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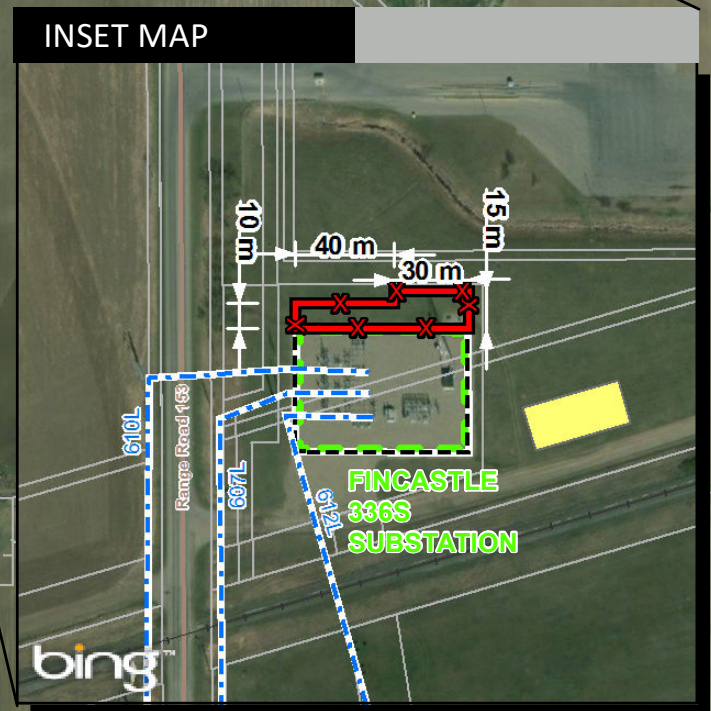
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PROPOSED
Fortis Fincastle Substation Upgrade

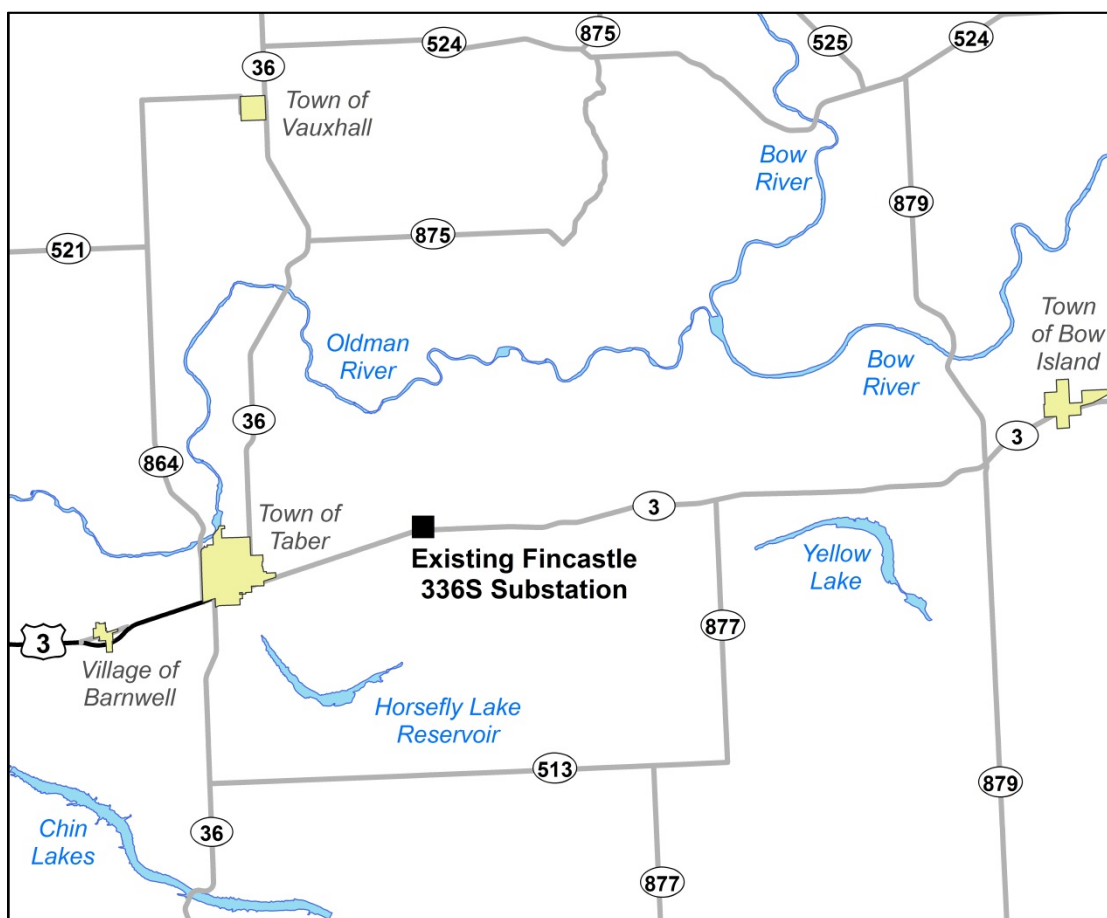
Attachment 4 – AESO Public Notification of NID Filing Website Posting (February 21, 2017)

Notification of Needs Identification Document Filing Addressing the Need for Transmission Development in the Municipal District of Taber

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) advises you that it intends to file a Needs Identification Document (NID) for the Fincastle 336S Substation Upgrade with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on or after March 7, 2018.

FortisAlberta Inc. has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to reliably serve growing demand for electricity in and around the Municipal District of Taber. FortisAlberta's request can be met by the following solution:

- Upgrade the existing Fincastle 336S substation, including adding one 138/25 kilovolt (kV) transformer and two 138 kV circuit breakers.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.



The black square on the map indicates the approximate location of the existing substation, which is located at SW-15-10-15-W4.

AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink) is the transmission facility owner (TFO) in and around the Municipal District of Taber. In November 2017, the AESO and the TFO began presenting this need to stakeholders, including residents, occupants, and landowners. The AESO will apply to the AUC for approval of the need for this transmission development. Once filed with the AUC, the NID will be posted on the AESO website at <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/projects/fincastle-336s-substation-upgrade/>

In a separate application, called a Facility Application, the TFO will provide more details about the specific facilities associated with the AESO's proposed transmission development, and will request AUC approval to construct and operate these facilities. For more information, please visit our website, www.aeso.ca or contact us at 1-888-866-2959 or stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca

Attachment 5 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter NID Filing Notice (February 20, 2017)

Fincastle 336S Substation Upgrade – Notice of NID Application Filing

FortisAlberta Inc. (FortisAlberta) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to reliably serve growing demand for electricity in and around the Municipal District of Taber. FortisAlberta's request can be met by the following solution:

- Upgrade the existing Fincastle 336S substation, including adding one 138/25 kilovolt (kV) transformer and two 138 kV circuit breakers
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments

The AESO intends to file the Fincastle 336S Substation Upgrade Needs Identification Document (NID) application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on or around March 7, 2018, requesting that the AUC approve this NID.

The AESO has posted the Notification of NID filing on its website. Please click [here](#) to view the document or visit the AESO website at www.aeso.ca and follow the path Grid > Project > Fincastle 336S Substation Upgrade to see all the relevant documents, including the NID application once it is filed with the AUC.