



# **Broadmoor 420S Substation Upgrade**

Needs Identification Document

# 1.0 Participant Involvement Program (PIP)

From July to November 2015, the AESO conducted a Participant Involvement Program (PIP) to assist in preparing its Broadmoor 420S Substation Upgrade Needs Identification Document (NID). The AESO directed transmission facility owner (TFO), AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink), to assist the AESO in providing notification in accordance with NID14 and Appendix A2 of Alberta Utilities Commission Rule 007.

### 1.1 Stakeholder Notification

The AESO's PIP was designed to notify and provide information to all occupants, residents and landowners within the notification area of the proposed development, as well as to other interested parties, including the following government bodies, agencies and other stakeholder groups (Stakeholders):

- · Alberta Environment and Parks, Fish and Wildlife
- Alberta Infrastructure, Land Planning North
- Alberta Transportation, Operations, Stony Plain
- Strathcona County
- Rogers Communications Inc.
- FortisAlberta Inc.
- TELUS Communications Company
- Access Pipeline Inc.
- Air Liquide S.A.
- Alberta Ethane Development Company Ltd.
- Alberta Oil Sands Pipeline Ltd.
- Alberta Products Pipeline Ltd.
- AltaGas Ltd.
- ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., ATCO Gas
- ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., ATCO Pipelines
- Cold Lake Pipeline Ltd.
- Enbridge Pipelines Inc.
- Grand Rapids Pipeline GP Ltd.
- Imperial Oil Resources Limited
- Keyera Energy Ltd.
- Nova Chemicals Corporation
- Pembina Pipeline Corporation



- Plains Midstream Canada ULC
- Praxair Canada Inc.
- Shell Canada Limited

The AESO used a variety of methods to notify Stakeholders on the need for the Broadmoor 420S Substation Upgrade. The AESO developed a one-page Need Overview document that described the need for the proposed transmission development. A copy of this document was posted to the AESO website at <a href="http://www.aeso.ca/transmission/32636.html">http://www.aeso.ca/transmission/32636.html</a> on October 5, 2015 and a notice was published in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on October 6, 2015. 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 AltaLink's project-specific information package mailed on July 28, 2015 to the Stakeholders noted above. Attachment 3 includes a copy of AltaLink's information brochure.

To ensure that Stakeholders had the opportunity to provide feedback, the AESO also provided Stakeholders with a dedicated, toll-free telephone line (1-888-866-2959) and a dedicated email address (<u>stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca</u>). AESO contact information, along with the AESO's mailing address (2500, 330 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Calgary) and website address (<u>www.aeso.ca</u>), and a privacy statement that described how the AESO is committed to protecting Stakeholders' privacy, were included on the Need Overview related to this application.

As directed by the AESO, the TFO was prepared to direct any inquiries or concerns about the project need to the AESO. The TFO has indicated that Stakeholders have not identified any concerns or objections with the need for the proposed transmission development.

### 1.2 Public Notification

Most recently, the AESO published a Public Notification of Filing to the AESO website at <a href="http://www.aeso.ca/transmission/32636.html">http://www.aeso.ca/transmission/32636.html</a> and a notice in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on November 10, 2015. Copies of the Public Notification of Filing posting and the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter notice have been included as Attachments 4 and 5, respectively.

# 1.3 Concerns and Objections Raised

The AESO has not received any indication of concerns or objections from any party about the need for the proposed transmission development.



# 1.4 List of Attachments

- Attachment 1 AESO Need Overview
- Attachment 2 AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Need Overview Notice
- Attachment 3 AltaLink's Information Brochure Broadmoor Substation Upgrade (July 2015)
- Attachment 4 AESO Public Notification of Regulatory Filing (AESO Website Posting)
- Attachment 5 AESO Stakeholder Newsletter NID Filing Notice



Attachment 1 - AESO Need Overview

# Need for the Broadmoor 420S Substation Upgrade in the Sherwood Park area



# **Transmission Development Information for Stakeholders**

FortisAlberta Inc. (FortisAlberta) has applied to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) for transmission system access to reliably serve growing demand for electricity in the Sherwood Park area. FortisAlberta's request can be met by upgrading the existing Broadmoor 420S substation including adding a 138/25 kV transformer, a 138 kV breaker and associated equipment.

The AESO is processing FortisAlberta's request, including providing information to landowners, occupants, residents and agencies that may be near the proposed transmission development. The AESO intends to apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for approval of this need in late 2015 or early 2016. The AESO's needs identification document (NID) application will be available on the AESO's website at <a href="https://www.aeso.ca/nid">www.aeso.ca/nid</a> at the time of its application to the AUC.

#### Who is the AESO?

Alberta's transmission system, sometimes referred to as the Alberta Interconnected Electric System (AIES), is planned and operated by the AESO. The transmission system comprises the high-voltage lines, towers and equipment (generally 69 kV and above) that transmit electricity from generators to lower voltage systems that distribute electricity to cities, towns, rural areas and large industrial customers.

The AESO's role is to maintain safe, reliable and economic operation of the AIES. The AESO's planning responsibility includes determining the need for transmission system development and the manner in which that need is met. The AESO is also mandated to facilitate the interconnection of qualified market participants to the AIES. The AESO is regulated by the AUC and must apply to the AUC for approval of its NID application.

#### How is AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink) involved?

AltaLInk is the transmission facilities owner (TFO) in the Sherwood Park area. While the AESO is responsible for identifying that transmission system development is needed, AltaLink is responsible for detailed siting and routing, constructing, operating and maintaining the associated transmission facilities. The AESO has directed AltaLink to provide information to stakeholders on this need and to file a facility proposal application with the AUC which will include a detailed description and location of the proposed transmission development.

#### **Further Information**

The AESO appreciates your views on the need for transmission system development and your comments are encouraged. If you have any questions or comments regarding the need for the proposed transmission system development in the Sherwood Park area or the AESO's application regarding this need, please contact:

Susan Haider
AESO Stakeholder Relations
1-888-866-2959
stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca
2500, 330 – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta T2P 0L4

The AESO is committed to protecting your privacy. Your feedback, comments and/or contact information collected by the AESO will be used to respond to your inquiries and/or to provide you with further information about the project. The AESO will not use your personal information for any other purpose and will not disclose your information without consent or a legal obligation. If you choose to communicate by email, please note, email is not a secure form of communication. Security of your communication while in transit cannot be guaranteed.

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**Attachment 2 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Need Overview Notice** 

# Broadmoor 420S Substation Upgrade – Need for Transmission System Development in the Sherwood Park area

FortisAlberta Inc. has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to reliably serve growing demand for electricity in the Sherwood Park area. FortisAlberta's request can be met by upgrading the existing Broadmoor 420S substation including addition of a 138/25 kV transformer, a 138 kV breaker and associated equipment.

The AESO has posted a Need Overview for this project on its website. Please <u>click here</u> to view the document or visit the AESO website at <u>www.aeso.ca</u> and follow the path Transmission > Needs Identification Documents > Broadmoor 420S Substation Upgrade.



Attachment 3 – AltaLink's Information Brochure – *Broadmoor Substation Upgrade* (July 2015)



# Electric system improvements near you

**Broadmoor Substation Upgrade** 

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

Alberta has grown significantly in recent years and the demand for electricity has increased. FortisAlberta has requested upgrades to AltaLink's Broadmoor **Substation** to help support the power demands in the area.

We are providing you with:

- project details
- 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 down and step up 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/regionalprojects







The existing Broadmoor Substation is pictured above.

# Project details

The proposed project involves adding new equipment to the Broadmoor Substation, located in Sherwood Park (within NW 4-53-23 W4) in Strathcona County. We are proposing to add the equipment to our existing substation, and no new land will be required.

The upgrades to the Broadmoor Substation include:

- one new 138/25 kilovolt (kV) transformer
- one new 138 kV circuit breaker
- one new 25 kV circuit breaker to the existing switchgear enclosure
- one new switchgear enclosure with five new 25 kV breakers

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

A switchgear enclosure houses electrical equipment such as cables, switches and breakers and ensures that electrical equipment is protected.

During construction, a mobile substation may be used to maintain electrical service and reliability in your area. It may be located outside the substation fence and will remain within AltaLink's leased boundaries.



# Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF)

AltaLink recognizes that people have concerns about exposure to Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF) and we take those concerns very 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 high voltage transmission lines. 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	July – September 2015
File application with Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)	November 2015
Start construction if project is approved	March 2016
Construction completed	October 2016

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/regionalprojects

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 Alberta Electric System Operator (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 or you can make your concerns known to an AltaLink representative who will communicate them to the AESO on your behalf.

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

### **ALBERTA ULTILITIES COMMISSION (AUC)**

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

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

# Other projects in your area

AltaLink's proposed Petro Canada 184S Substation Upgrade project is located near the Broadmoor Substation Upgrade project. The Petro Canada 184S Substation Upgrade project involves upgrading the existing Petro Canada Substation with new equipment. Consultation for this project is currently underway.

#### PRIVACY COMMITMENT

AltaLink is committed to protecting your privacy. Collected personal information will be protected under AltaLink's Privacy Policy and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. 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 <a href="https://www.altalink.ca/privacy">www.altalink.ca/privacy</a> or contact us directly via e-mail <a href="mailto:privacy@altalink.ca">privacy@altalink.ca</a> or phone at 1-877-267-6760.

# INCLUDED IN THIS INFORMATION PACKAGE:

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

# DID YOU KNOW?

Alberta is among the leaders in Canada when it comes to installed wind generation capacity. Alberta has more than 800 MW of wind power connected to the grid, which could power more than 300,000 homes for a year.



**Attachment 4 – AESO Public Notification of Regulatory Filing** (AESO Website Posting)

# AESO Public Notification of NID Filing Addressing the Need for the Broadmoor 420S Substation Upgrade in the Sherwood Park Area

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) advises you that it intends to file a Needs Identification Document (NID) for the Broadmoor 420S Substation Upgrade with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on or after November 25, 2015.

FortisAlberta Inc. (FortisAlberta) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to reliably serve growing demand for electricity in the Sherwood Park area. FortisAlberta's request can be met by upgrading the existing Broadmoor 420S substation including adding a 138/25 kV transformer, a 138 kV breaker, five 25 kV breakers, and associated equipment.



The black square on the map indicates the approximate location of the Broadmoor 420S Substation, which is at NW 4-53-23 W4. In a separate application called a Facility Application, AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink) the transmission facility owner (TFO) in the Sherwood Park area, will describe the specific upgrades to be performed and request AUC approval to construct and operate the specific transmission facility.

The AESO and AltaLink presented this need to stakeholders, including residents, occupants and landowners, from July to November 2015. The AESO has considered feedback gathered from stakeholders, and technical and cost considerations, and will apply to the AUC for approval of the need for this transmission development. Once it is filed, the NID will be posted on the AESO website at http://www.aeso.ca/transmission/32636.html

Please visit our website, www.aeso.ca for more information, or contact the AESO at 1-888-866-2959 or stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca



**Attachment 5 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter NID Filing Notice** 

# **Broadmoor 420S Substation Upgrade – Notice of NID Filing**

FortisAlberta Inc. has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to reliably serve growing demand for electricity in the Sherwood Park area. FortisAlberta's request can be met by upgrading the existing Broadmoor 420S substation including adding a 138/25 kV transformer, a 138 kV breaker and associated equipment.

The AESO intends to file the Broadmoor 420S Substation Upgrade Needs Identification Document (NID) application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on or after November 25, 2015, requesting that the AUC approve this NID.

The AESO has posted the public notification for its NID filing on its website for the Broadmoor 420S Substation Upgrade. Please <u>click here</u> to view the document or visit the AESO website at <u>www.aeso.ca</u> and follow the path Transmission > Needs Identification Documents > Broadmoor 420S Substation Upgrade to see all the relevant documents, including the NID application once it is filed with the AUC.