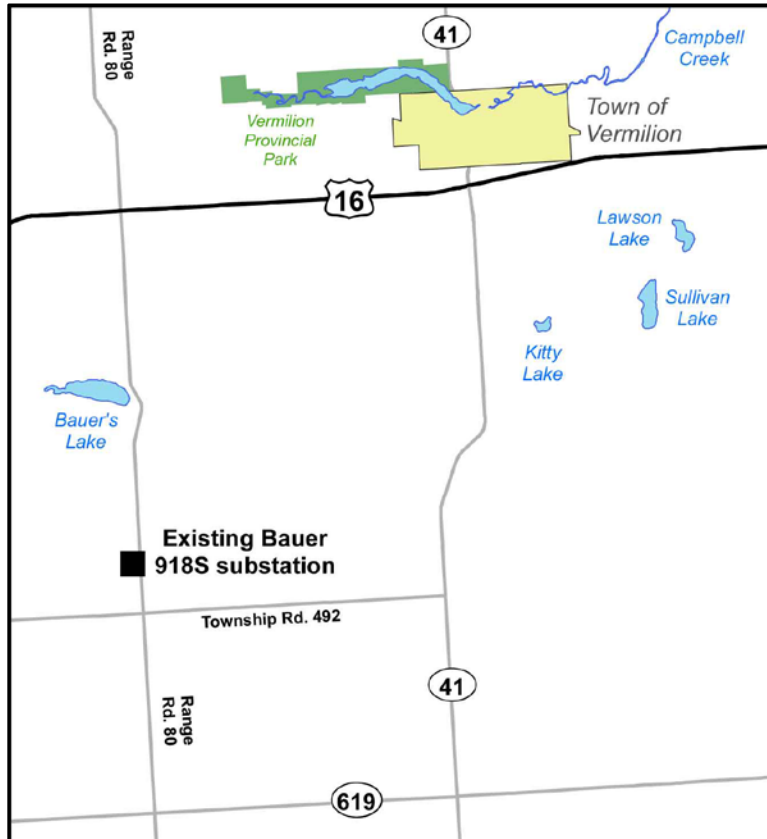


AESO Public Notification of NID Filing

Addressing the Need for the Bauer 918S Substation Upgrade in the Town of Vermilion Area

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) advises you that it intends to file a Needs Identification Document (NID) for the Bauer 918S substation upgrade with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on or after February 3, 2016.

ATCO Electric Ltd. (ATCO) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to serve growing industrial demand for electricity in the Town of Vermilion area. ATCO's request can be met by upgrading the existing Bauer 918S substation, including adding a 144/4.16 kV transformer, a 144 kV breaker, and associated equipment.



The black square on the map indicates the approximate location of the Bauer 918S substation, which is in portions of LSD 1-24-49-8 and LSD 16-13-49-8. In a separate application called a Facility Application, ATCO, the transmission facility owner (TFO) in the Town of Vermilion area, will describe the specific upgrades to be performed and request AUC approval to construct and operate the specific transmission facility.

The AESO and ATCO presented this need to stakeholders, including residents, occupants and landowners, from July 2015 to January 2016. 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/32267.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