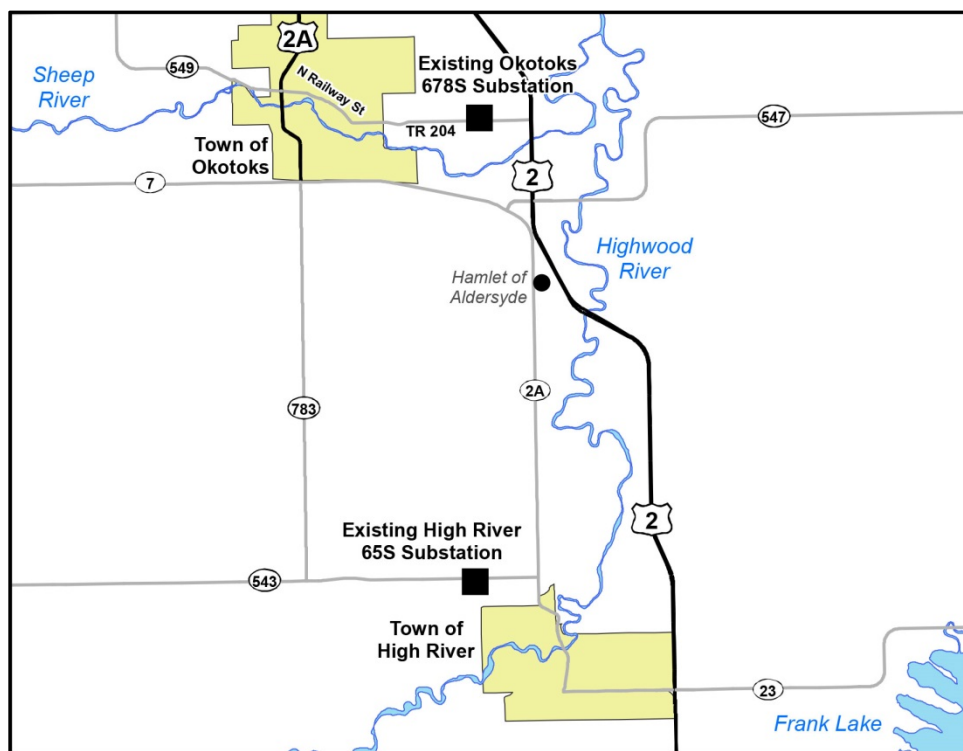


AESO Public Notification of NID Filing

Addressing the need for upgrades at the Okotoks 678S substation and modifications at the High River 65S substation in the Okotoks and High River areas

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) advises you that it intends to file a Needs Identification Document (NID) for the Okotoks 678S Substation Upgrade and High River 65S Substation Modification with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on or after July 15, 2016.

FortisAlberta Inc. (Fortis) has applied to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) for transmission system access to improve reliability and to serve growing demand for electricity in the Okotoks and High River areas. Fortis' request can be met by upgrading the Okotoks 678S substation, including adding a 138/25 kV transformer, three 138 kV circuit breakers, and associated equipment; and by modifying the High River 65S substation, including adding two 25 kV circuit breakers and associated equipment.



The black squares on the map indicate the approximate locations of the Okotoks 678S and High River 65S substations, which are at 4-25-20-29-W4 and 16-11-19-29-W4. In a separate application called a Facility Application, AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink), the transmission facility owner (TFO) in the Okotoks and High River areas, will describe the transmission developments and request AUC approval to construct and operate the specific transmission facilities.

The AESO and AltaLink presented this need to stakeholders, including residents, occupants and landowners, from March 2016 – June 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/33501.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