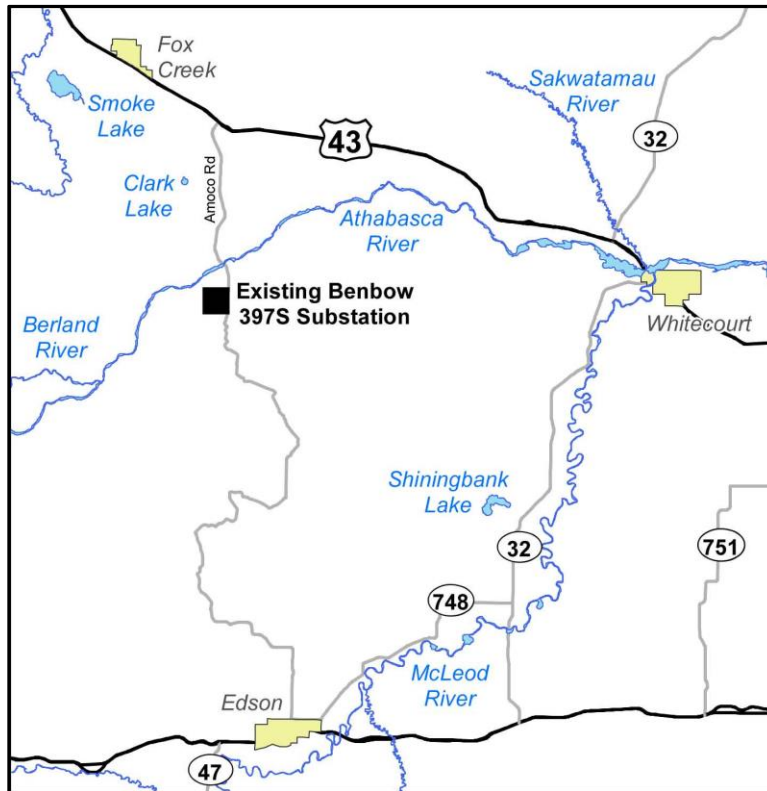


AESO Public Notification of NID Filing

Addressing the Need for the Benbow 397S Substation Upgrade in the Fox Creek Area

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) advises you that it intends to file a Needs Identification Document (NID) for the Benbow 397S Substation Upgrade with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on or after December 2, 2015.

FortisAlberta Inc. (FortisAlberta) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to reliably meet electricity demand in the Fox Creek area. FortisAlberta's request can be met by upgrading the existing Benbow 397S substation including replacing the existing 138/24.94 kV transformer with a higher-capacity 138/25 kV transformer and adding the associated equipment.



The black square on the map indicates the approximate location of the Benbow 397S substation which is at NE 15-59-18 W5M. In a separate application called a Facility Application, AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink) the transmission facility owner (TFO) in the Fox Creek 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 June 2015 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/32249.html>

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