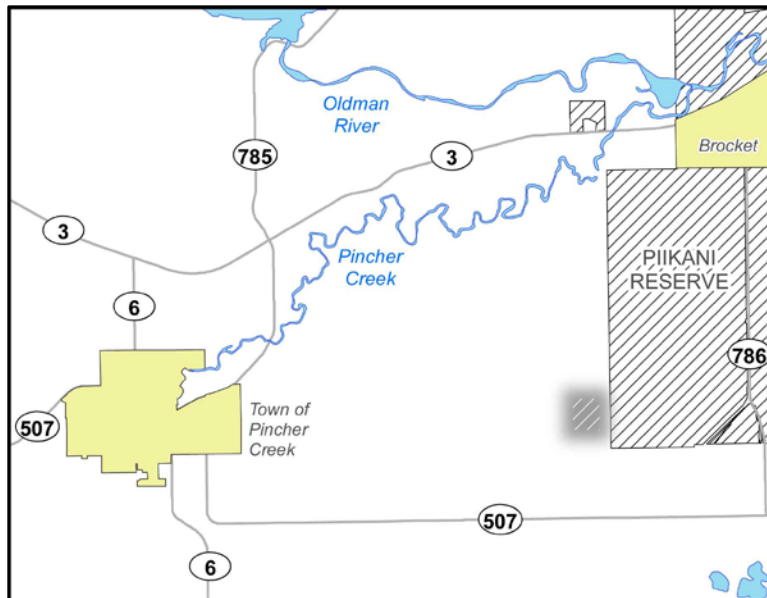


AESO Public Notification of NID Filing Addressing the Need for the RESL McLaughlin Wind Energy Connection in the Pincher Creek Area

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) advises you that it intends to file a Needs Identification Document (NID) for the McLaughlin Wind Energy Connection with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on or after December 11, 2015.

Renewable Energy Services Ltd. (RESL) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to connect its proposed McLaughlin wind generating facility (Facility) in the Pincher Creek area. RESL's request can be met by constructing a short 138 kV transmission line to connect the Facility to the existing 164L transmission line.



The shaded area on the map indicates the approximate location of the proposed transmission development, which is at 22-6-29W4. In a separate application called a Facility Application, AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink) the transmission facility owner (TFO) in the Pincher 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/32092.html>

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