

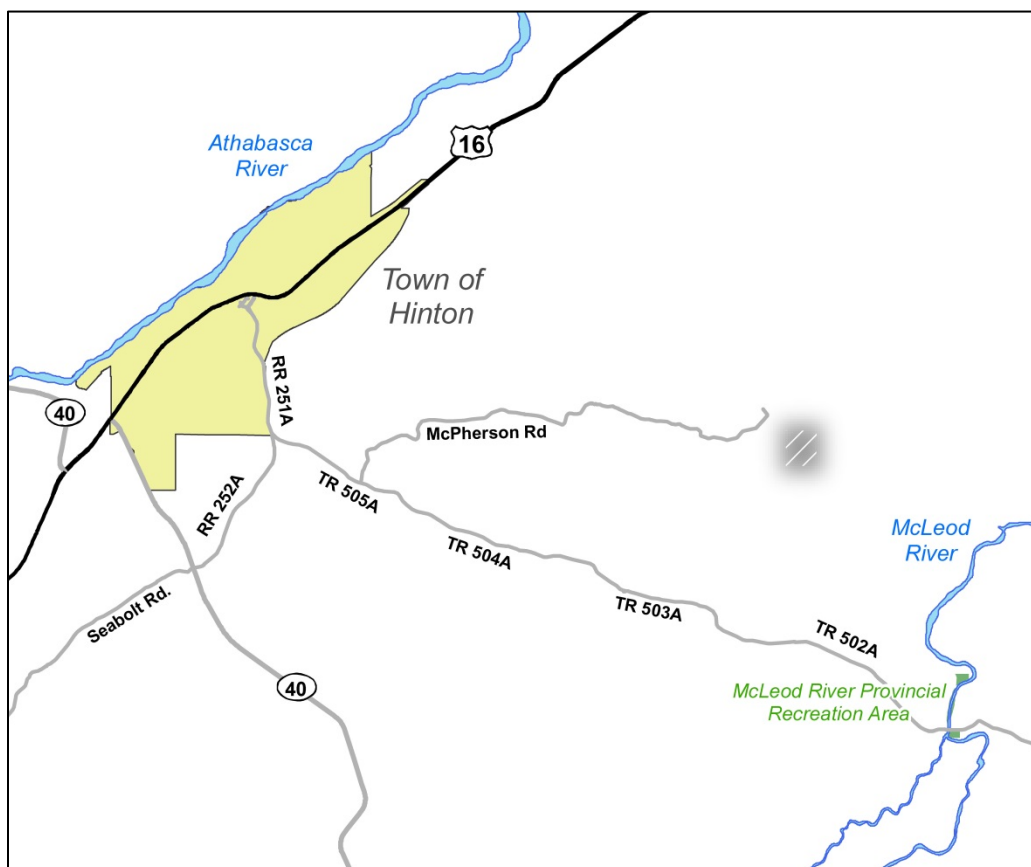
Notification of Needs Identification Document Filing

Addressing the Need for the Vista Coal Mine Connection in the Town of Hinton Area

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) advises you that it intends to file a Needs Identification Document (NID) for the Vista Coal Mine Connection with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on or after August 24, 2018.

Coalspur Mines (Operations) Ltd. (Coalspur) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to connect its approved Vista Coal Mine (Facility) in the Town of Hinton area. The Facility will be served by Coalspur's approved Vista 1029S substation. Coalspur's request can be met by the following solution:

- Add a 138 kV transmission line to connect the Facility to the existing 138 kV transmission line 847L.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.



The shaded area on the map indicates the approximate location of the proposed transmission development, including the 138 kV transmission line. The specific transmission facilities may extend beyond the shaded area shown.

AltaLink Management Ltd. is the transmission facility owner (TFO) in the Town of Hinton area. In June 2018, the AESO and the TFO began presenting this need to stakeholders, including residents, occupants, and landowners. The AESO will apply to the AUC for approval of the need for this transmission development. Once filed with the AUC, the NID will be posted on the AESO website at <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/projects/vista-coal-mine-connection/>

In a separate application, called a Facility Application, the TFO will provide more details about the specific facilities associated with the AESO's proposed transmission development, and will request AUC approval to construct and operate these facilities.

For more information, please visit our website, www.aeso.ca or contact us at 1-888-866-2959 or stakeholder.relations@aes0.ca