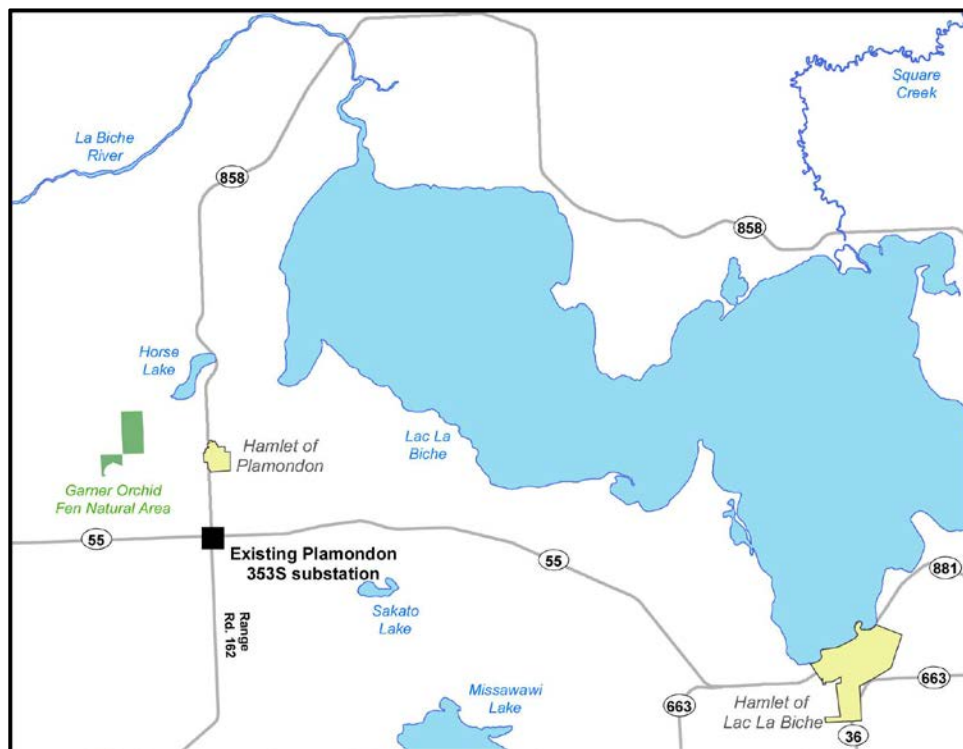


AESO Public Notification of NID Filing

Addressing the Need for the Plamondon 353S Substation Upgrade in the Hamlet of Plamondon Area

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) advises you that it intends to file a Needs Identification Document (NID) for the Plamondon 353S substation upgrade with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on or after March 9, 2016.

FortisAlberta Inc. (FortisAlberta) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to reliably serve growing demand for electricity in the Hamlet of Plamondon area. FortisAlberta's request can be met by upgrading the existing Plamondon 353S substation, including adding a 138/25 kV transformer, a 138 kV circuit breaker, and associated equipment.



The black square on the map indicates the approximate location of the Plamondon 353S substation, which is at NW 23-67-16-W4. In a separate application called a Facility Application, AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink), the transmission facility owner (TFO) in the Hamlet of Plamondon 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 September 2015 to February 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/32659.html>

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