

Need for the Scotford 409S Substation Upgrade

Shell Canada Limited (Shell) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to improve the reliability of electricity to the Shell industrial facility in the Fort Saskatchewan area.

Distribution of the original AESO Need Overview began in April 2023. As a result of a change in the solution and schedule, the AESO determined that a Need Overview Update is required to provide revised steps.

Shell's request can be met by the following solution:

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Upgrade the existing Scotford 409S substation, including adding one 138/25 kilovolt (kV) transformer and two 138 kV circuit breakers.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

NEXT STEPS

- In early 2025 the AESO may consider the need for this project for approval under section 501.3 of the ISO rules, *Abbreviated Needs Approval Process* (ANAP Rule), or apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for approval of the need.
- The AESO will notify stakeholders via the AESO's website at www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects prior to the project being considered under the ANAP Rule or when filing a needs identification document (NID) application with the AUC.

The following organizations have key roles and responsibilities in providing access to the transmission system:

THE AESO

- Must plan the transmission system and enable access to it for generators and other qualified customers.
- Can approve eligible projects through the ANAP Rule and for non-eligible projects, the AESO will prepare and submit a NID to the AUC for approval.

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- Is the transmission facility owner in the Fort Saskatchewan area.
- Is responsible for detailed siting and routing, constructing, operating and maintaining the transmission facilities.
- Is regulated by the AUC and must apply to the AUC for approval of their transmission facilities applications.

WHO IS THE AESO?

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) plans and operates Alberta's electricity grid and wholesale electricity market safely, reliably and in the public interest of all Albertans. We are a not-for-profit organization with no financial interest or investment of any kind in the power industry.

We appreciate your views, both on the need for transmission system development and proposed transmission plans. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us directly.

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