

Participant Involvement Program Summary

Cadomin 983S Substation Upgrade

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1. Introduction

From April 2025 to April 2026, the AESO conducted a Participant Involvement Program (PIP) for the Cadomin 983S Substation Upgrade. The AESO directed the legal owner of transmission facilities (TFO), in this case AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink), to assist the AESO in providing notification as part of the AESO's PIP.

The AESO's PIP is designed to notify Stakeholders and Indigenous groups in the area where the AESO has reasonably determined that facilities could be installed to implement the AESO's preferred option to respond to the request for system access service.

The AESO's PIP has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.1.2, NID12 and Appendix A2 of the current Alberta Utilities Commission (Commission) Rule 007 (AUC Rule 007), effective November 6, 2025.

2. Stakeholder Notification

The AESO developed a one-page AESO Need Overview document with the purpose of notifying Stakeholders of the following items:

- a description of the need for development;
- a description of the AESO's preferred option to respond to the system access service request;
- identification of the general area where facilities could be installed to implement the AESO's preferred option to respond to the system access service request;
- the AESO's contact information, including telephone, email and website, for further information; and
- the AESO's next steps.

A copy of the Need Overview was posted to the AESO website at <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects/cadomin-substation-upgrade/> and a notice was published in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on January 21, 2026. Copies of the Need Overview posting and the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter notice have been included as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively. The Need Overview was also included with the TFO's project-specific information package that was distributed to Stakeholders, as further described in Section 2.1.

2.1 Stakeholders Notified in the TFO's PIP

The TFO has advised the AESO that its PIP included notification within 800 meters from the existing Cadomin 983S substation boundary as recommended by the Commission in Appendix A1 in AUC Rule 007.¹

The TFO notified a total of 18 Stakeholders, of which 9 were classified as private or individual landowners. The nine other notified Stakeholders are listed below:

- Canadian National Railway Company
- Fortis Alberta Inc.
- Ministry of Arts, Culture and Status of Women
- Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas
- Ministry of Forestry and Parks
- Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors
- Prairie Mines & Royalty ULC.
- Telus Communications Inc.
- Yellowhead County

¹ AltaLink has identified its facility application to be of the type: *Substation developments within existing facilities, where there is a change in the substation fence line or which create visual or noise impact – rural and industrial* as categorized in AUC Rule 007: *Facility Applications*, Appendix A1, Section 5.

Attachment 3 includes the TFO's project information package, which included the AESO Need Overview that was distributed to the Stakeholders between January 14, 2026, and April 1, 2026. The TFO's project newsletter was posted on the TFO's project-specific webpage <https://www.altalink.ca/project/cadomin-area-load/> on January 14, 2026. The TFO's project newsletter included the AESO's contact information, a description of the AESO's role, a reference to the AESO Need Overview, and an invitation to contact the TFO or the AESO for additional information.

3. Early Rate-Payer Group Involvement

The AESO published terms of participation for rate-payer group involvement in DFO projects on its website in 2022: <https://www.aeso.ca/assets/Terms-of-Participation-Industry-and-Rate-Payer-Groups.pdf>

The AESO sought feedback from eligible rate-payer groups during early stages of the AESO Connection Process. The AESO notified the following eligible rate-payer groups:

- Alberta Direct Connect
- Consumer Coalition of Alberta
- Utilities Consumer Advocate
- Industrial Power Consumers Association of Alberta

3.1 Stage 1

On April 1, 2025, the AESO provided a summary of the transmission alternatives that were considered for further study. A generic version of the letter, which included the summary of alternatives, is included as Attachment 4.

One of the notified rate-payer groups raised questions about the need for the project, the potential for distribution alternatives and additional transmission alternatives, the rationale for selecting the chosen alternative, and forecasts for load and generation in the project area. The AESO responded to all questions raised in a written reply to the rate-payer group.

3.2 Stage 2

On September 3, 2025, the AESO provided a summary of the preferred alternative decision. A generic version of the letter is included as Attachment 5.

The notified rate-payer groups did not raise any questions or concerns about the preferred alternative.

4. Notice of ANAP Consideration

Most recently, the AESO notified Stakeholders of its intention to consider the need for the Cadomin 983S Substation Upgrade to be approved under the AESO's Abbreviated Needs Approval Process, (ANAP) by posting a Notification of ANAP Consideration to the AESO website at <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects/cadomin-substation-upgrade/> and a publishing notice in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on June 3, 2026. Copies of the Notification of ANAP Consideration posting and the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter notice have been included as Attachments 6 and 7, respectively.

5. Responding to Questions and Concerns

To ensure that Stakeholders had the opportunity to provide feedback, the AESO provided Stakeholders with AESO contact information, including a dedicated, toll-free telephone line (1-888-866-2959) and a dedicated email address (stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca). The AESO Need Overview included this contact information, along with the AESO's mailing address (3000, 240 4th Ave. SW, Calgary) and website address (www.aeso.ca), and a privacy statement that described how the AESO is committed to protecting Stakeholders' privacy.

As directed by the AESO, the TFO was prepared to direct any Stakeholder questions addressed to the AESO, or questions regarding the AESO Need Overview, to the AESO.

6. Questions and Concerns Raised

The TFO has advised the AESO that none of the Stakeholders notified by the TFO identified any concerns or objections regarding the AESO's preferred option to respond to the system access service request or the need for development.

Aside from the rate-payer group questions summarized above, the AESO has not received any indication of concerns or objections about the AESO's preferred option to respond to the system access service request or the need for development.

7. List of Attachments

- Attachment 1 – AESO Need Overview (January 2026)
- Attachment 2 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Need Overview Notice (January 21, 2026)
- Attachment 3 – TFO Project Newsletter – Cadomin Area Load (January 2026)
- Attachment 4 - Stage 1 Early Rate Payer Involvement Letter and Summary (April 2025)
- Attachment 5 - Stage 2 Early Rate Payer Involvement Letter and Summary (September 2025)
- Attachment 6 – AESO Public Notification of ANAP Consideration Posting (June 3, 2026)
- Attachment 7 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Notice of ANAP Consideration (June 3, 2026)

Attachment 1 – AESO Need Overview (January 2026)



Need for the Cadomin Substation Upgrade

FortisAlberta Inc. (Fortis) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to meet growing demand for electricity in the Cadomin area. Fortis' request can be met by the following solution:

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Upgrade the existing Cadomin substation, including replacing the existing 69/25 kilovolt (kV) transformer with a 69/25 kV transformer of higher capacity.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

NEXT STEPS

- In mid 2026, 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.
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ALTALINK

- Is the transmission facility owner in the Cadomin area.
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WHO IS THE AESO?

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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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Attachment 2 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Need Overview Notice (January 21, 2026)

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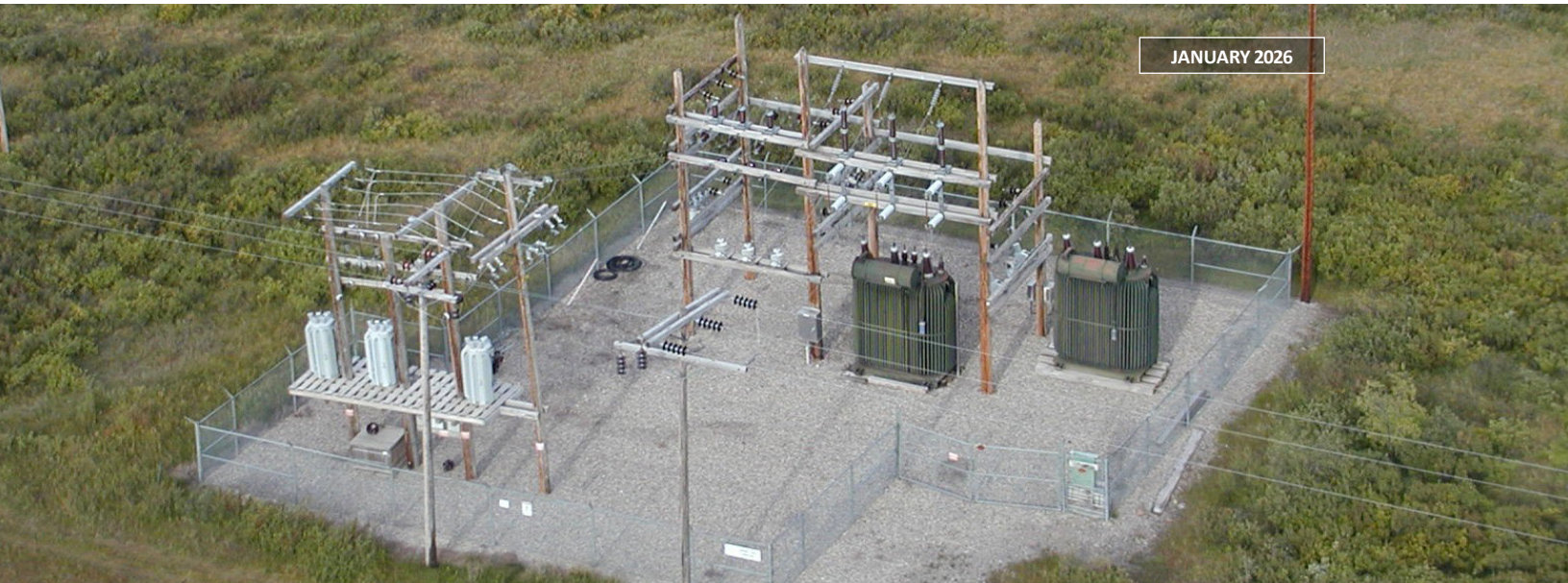
Need Overview | Cadomin Substation Upgrade

FortisAlberta Inc. (Fortis) has applied for transmission system access to meet growing demand for electricity in the Cadomin area.

[Click here](#) to view details of the proposed transmission development and access the Need Overview document, or visit www.aeso.ca: Grid > Transmission Projects > Cadomin Substation Upgrade (2969)

Attachment 3 – TFO Project Newsletter – Cadomin Area Load (January 2026)

JANUARY 2026



Cadomin Area Load

You are receiving this newsletter because you are near the proposed Cadomin Area Load project, and we want your input.

AltaLink is proposing to upgrade equipment at its existing Cadomin 983S Substation, located in Yellowhead County, approximately two kilometres north of the Hamlet of Cadomin. This project is needed to meet growing load (demand) for electricity in the area to ensure a reliable supply of power for years to come.

Project details

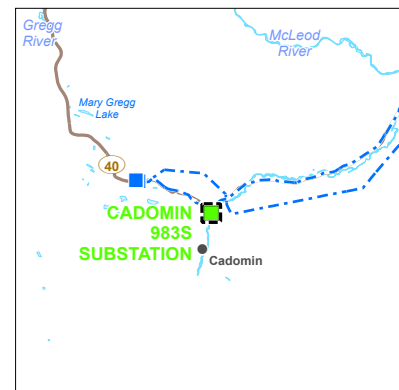
AltaLink is proposing the following upgrades to the Cadomin 983S Substation:

- replacing a 69 kilovolt transformer
- adding or modifying associated equipment as required

The upgrade work will be completed within the existing substation fenceline, with no fence expansion required.

To avoid a potential power outage while completing the upgrade work, AltaLink will temporarily install a mobile substation outside of the substation fenceline. Additional temporary workspace outside of the substation will be required for the mobile substation.

Please refer to the map included in this package for an overview of the proposed project area.



LEGEND

Proposed Upgrade to Existing Substation	Hamlet or Locality
Existing Substation	Road
Existing Transmission Line	Water Body

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

<p>JANUARY - JUNE 2026 Notify and consult with stakeholders</p>	<p>JULY 2026 File application with Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)</p>	<p>MAY 2027 Start construction if project is approved</p>	<p>OCTOBER 2027 Construction completed</p>
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Although we attempt to follow the anticipated project schedule it is subject to change. We will continue to provide you with updated schedule information if required as the project progresses.



The new transformer will look similar to the picture on the left. The mobile substation will look similar to the picture on the right.

INCLUDED IN THIS INFORMATION PACKAGE:

- Project map
- AUC brochure: *Participating in the AUC's independent review process to consider facility applications*
- AESO need overview

Contact us

To learn more about the proposed project please contact:

ALTALINK

1-877-267-1453 (toll free)

E-mail: stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca

To subscribe to this project:

visit www.altalink.ca/projects, search for the project title, and click 'subscribe to updates'

For more information about how AltaLink protects your personal information: visit our website at:

www.altalink.ca/privacy or contact us directly via e-mail privacy@altalink.ca or phone at 403-267-3400.

To learn more about Alberta's electric system and the need for the project, please contact:

Alberta Electric System Operator

1-888-866-2959 (toll-free)

Email: stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca

Website: www.aeso.ca

The AESO is an independent, not-for-profit organization responsible for the safe, reliable, and economic planning and operation of the provincial transmission grid. For more information about why this project is needed, please refer to the AESO's Need Overview included with this package or visit www.aeso.ca. If you have any questions or concerns about the need for this project or the proposed transmission development to meet the need you may contact the AESO directly. You can make your questions or concerns known to a transmission facility owner representative who will collect your personal information for the purpose of addressing your questions and/or concerns to the AESO. This process may include disclosure of your personal information to the AESO.

To learn more about the application and review process, please contact:

Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)

780-427-4903 (toll-free by dialing

310-0000 before the number)

Email: consumer-relations@auc.ab.ca

Providing your input

We will contact landowners, residents, and occupants near the proposed project to gather input and address questions or concerns.

After our consultation and notification process is complete, we will file an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC).

We will notify stakeholders when we file the application and again once the AUC has reached a decision about the project. To learn more about the AUC process and how you can become involved, please refer to the brochure included in this package titled *Participating in the AUC's independent review process to consider facility applications*

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF)

We understand that you may have concerns about exposure to EMF and we take those concerns seriously. Everyone is exposed to power frequency EMF from many sources, including power lines, building wiring, or appliances in your home.

Health Canada, the World Health Organization, and other agencies have not recommended that the public needs to take steps to limit their everyday exposure to EMF from high voltage transmission lines. This includes people that live near the edge of a transmission line right-of-way.

If you have any questions about EMF, please contact us.

Website: www.altalink.ca/emf

Email: emfdialogue@altalink.ca

Toll-free phone number: 1-877-267-1453

DEFINITIONS:

Substation | Substations are the connection points between power lines of varying voltages and contain equipment that controls and protects the flow of power. Substations include transformers that step down and step up the voltage so power can be transmitted through transmission lines or distributed to your community through distribution lines.

Transformer | Transformers step down the voltage in a substation so power can be distributed safely to your community through distribution lines. Transformers also step up the voltage so power can be transmitted through transmission lines.

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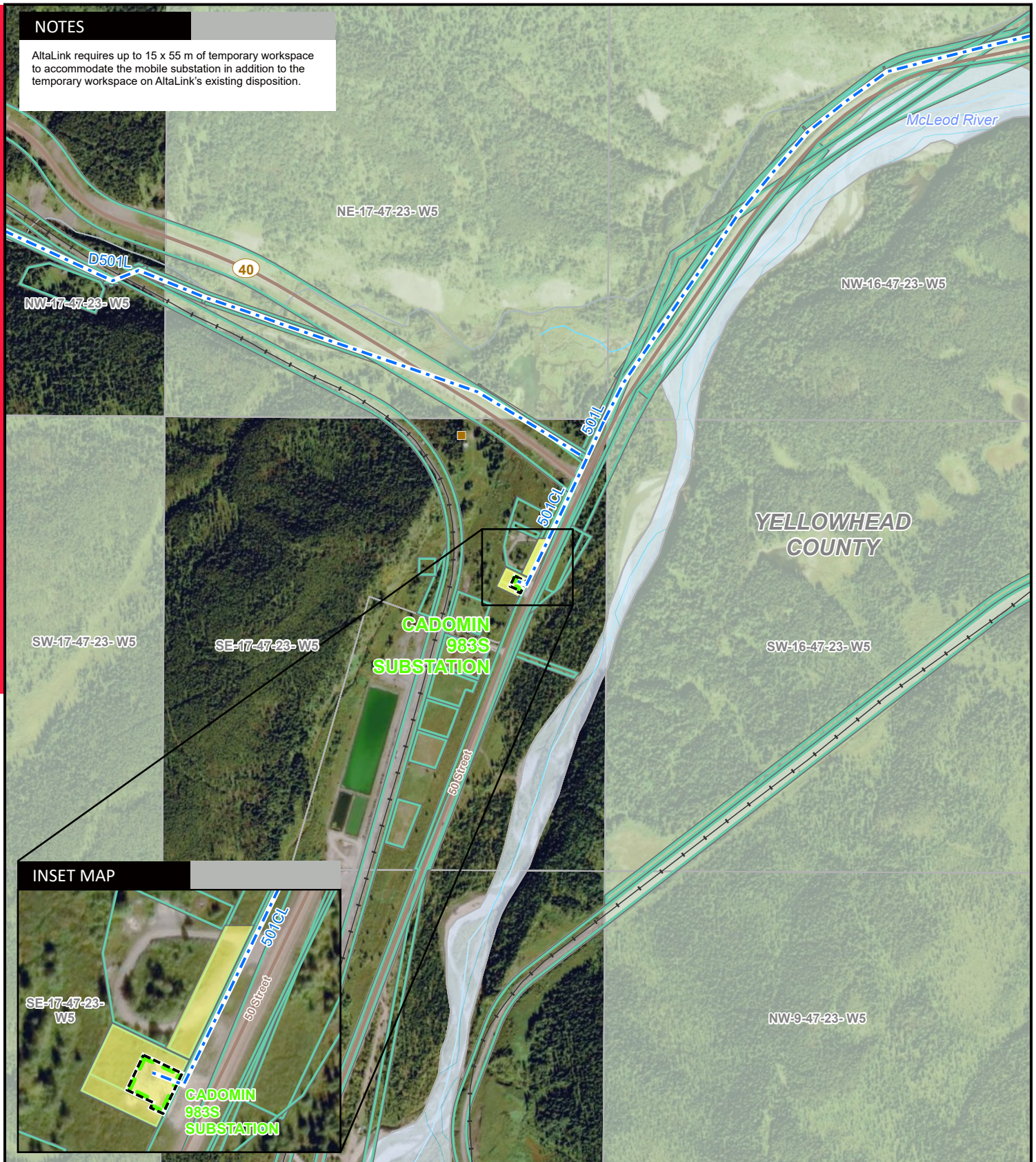


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NOTES

AltaLink requires up to 15 x 55 m of temporary workspace to accommodate the mobile substation in addition to the temporary workspace on AltaLink's existing disposition.



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INSET MAP

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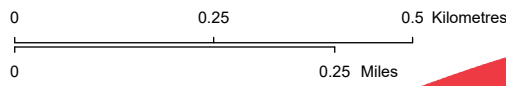
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- LEGEND**
- Existing Transmission Line
 - Proposed Upgrade to Existing Substation
 - Temporary Workspace
 - Residence
 - Railway
 - River or Stream
 - Road
 - Crown Land
 - Environmentally Significant Area
 - Water Body

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DETAIL PHOTO **DP1**



PROPOSED

Cadomin Area Load

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Participating in the AUC’s independent review process to consider facility applications

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The AUC regulatory review process to consider facility applications for utility projects



The AUC uses an established process to review social, economic and environmental impacts of facility projects to decide if approval of a project is in the public interest.

The AUC considers applications requesting approval of the need for transmission development and facilities applications seeking approval to construct, operate, alter and decommission electric and natural gas facilities. Applications, as specified in AUC Rule 007, are required for:

- The need for transmission upgrades.
- The route and location of transmission facilities.
- The siting of power plants.
- The construction of a battery storage system.
- The designation of an industrial system.
- The need for and siting of natural gas utility pipelines.

Sometimes the Alberta Electric System Operator’s needs identification document application is considered together with a facility application in a single proceeding; sometimes separate proceedings are held to consider each application.

Application review process



- Step 1: Public consultation prior to applying to the AUC
- Step 2: Application filed to the AUC
- Step 3: Public notice
- Step 4: Public submissions to the AUC
- Step 5: Consultation and negotiation
- Step 6: The public hearing process
- Step 7: The decision
- Step 8: Opportunity to appeal
- Step 9: Construction, operation and compliance

Application review process

Step 1: Public consultation prior to applying to the AUC



An applicant seeking approval of a proposed utility development project is required to engage in a participant involvement program prior to filing an application with the AUC. The public involvement program involves consultation with persons whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by the proposed project so that concerns may be raised, addressed and, if possible, resolved.

The application guidelines and requirements for facility applications can be found in AUC Rule 007: *Facility Applications*.

Potentially affected parties are strongly encouraged to participate in the public consultation, also called a participant involvement program. Early, active and ongoing discussions with an applicant may lead to greater influence on project planning and what is submitted to the AUC for approval.

Step 2: Application filed to the AUC



When the applicant has concluded its consultation with potentially affected parties and the participant involvement requirements have been completed, the applicant files its application through the AUC online public filing system, called the eFiling System.

AUC staff members review each application submitted to verify that all of the application requirements in Rule 007 have been met before an application is deemed complete. If all of the required information is not provided, the application may be closed or missing information will be requested of the applicant. Rule 007 specifies, among other requirements, that applicants must submit the results of a public involvement program in its application that includes information about how applicants consulted and notified stakeholders and Indigenous groups and identifies any unresolved objections and concerns about the project.

Step 3: Public notice



When the AUC receives an application it is assigned a proceeding number and the AUC generally mails a notice of application directly to those who live, operate a business or occupy land in the project area who may be directly and adversely affected if the AUC approves the application. The notice initiates the opportunity for formal intervention in the proceeding to consider an application or applications. The notice of application will also set out important dates and information about where to find the application and other items being considered. The five-digit eFiling System proceeding number in the notice is the most efficient way to find information about a proposed project through the AUC website.

Step 4: Public submissions to the AUC



Prior to the submission deadline provided in the notice, formal submissions of outstanding concerns and unresolved objections about a project may be submitted to the AUC. To submit a concern, participants will need to register to participate in the proceeding, which involves providing a brief written statement called a statement of intent to participate. Submissions are filed electronically through the eFiling System. The information filed becomes part of the public record and is an important part of the process to ensure that outstanding concerns are heard, understood and considered.

The AUC uses the information gathered through statement of intent to participate submissions to decide whether to hold a hearing on the application(s). The AUC must hold a hearing if a concerned person can demonstrate that they have rights that may be directly or adversely affected by the AUC’s decision on the application. Such a person is said to have standing before the AUC. If the AUC decides to hold a hearing, the AUC will provide further opportunities for participants with standing to ask the applicant questions on the public record and present their position on the application either in writing or in person. Hearings may be held in writing, in person or virtually through web-conference software.

AUC eFiling System

The eFiling System is the online tool that the AUC uses to manage applications and submissions in its proceeding-based review. The eFiling System gives access to all public documents associated with an application. The system is also used to submit your concerns and provide input to the AUC and can be used to monitor related proceeding filings. Those who do not have access to the internet can send submissions, evidence and other material by mail and the AUC will upload the submission on their behalf.

Step 5: Consultation and negotiation (if applicable)



The AUC supports efforts to reach a mutually agreeable outcome among the applicant and affected parties. The AUC encourages the applicant and those who have filed a statement of intent to participate to continue to attempt to resolve any outstanding issues. If all concerns can be satisfactorily resolved this may eliminate the need for a formal hearing. However, if there continues to be unresolved issues, those matters will typically be addressed in an AUC hearing.

Step 6: The public hearing process



The AUC will issue a notice of hearing if a person with standing continues to have legitimate unresolved concerns with the application. The notice of hearing will provide a hearing date and location, or specify if the hearing will be held in writing or virtually. When the AUC holds a public hearing, registered parties are given the opportunity to express their views directly to a panel of Commission members. Any member of the public can listen to an in-person or virtual oral hearing. An oral public hearing operates similar to a court proceeding.

Participants in a hearing can either represent themselves or be represented by a lawyer. In addition, participants may hire experts to assist in preparing and presenting evidence to support their position.

Cost assistance



A person determined by the AUC to have standing or a local intervener can apply for reimbursement of reasonable costs. Those who hire a lawyer or experts/consultants must be aware that while reimbursement for the costs of legal and technical assistance is available under AUC Rule 009: *Rules on Intervener Costs*, recovery of costs is subject to the AUC's assessment of the value of the contribution provided by the lawyer and or experts/consultants in assisting the AUC to understand the specifics of the case. It is also subject to the AUC's published scale of costs.

People with similar interests and positions are expected and encouraged to work together to ensure that expenditures for legal or experts/consultants are minimized and costs are not duplicated.

Step 7: The decision



The AUC's goal is to issue its written decision no more than 90 days after the close of record. The AUC can approve, or deny an application and can also make its approval conditional upon terms or conditions. AUC decisions are publicly available through the AUC website at www.auc.ab.ca.

Step 8: Opportunity to appeal



An applicant or participant in a proceeding may formally ask the Court of Appeal of Alberta for permission to appeal an AUC decision. An application for permission to appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date the decision is issued.

An applicant or participant in a proceeding can also ask the AUC to review its decision. An application to review a decision must be filed within 30 days from the date the decision is issued and satisfy the limited grounds described in AUC Rule 016: *Review of Commission Decisions*.

Step 9: Construction, operation and compliance



An applicant that receives approval to build and operate a facility from the AUC is expected to follow through on any commitments it has made to parties and must adhere to any conditions that were set out in that approval. If concerns about compliance with approval conditions and post-construction operations cannot be resolved with the applicant, they can be brought to the AUC's attention for consideration. The AUC has significant compliance and enforcement powers for all approved applications. Additional information is available on the AUC website.

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial agency of the government of Alberta that ensures the delivery of Alberta's utility services take place in a manner that is fair, responsible and in the public interest.

We are committed to ensuring that Albertans whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by a utility development project are informed of the application and have the opportunity to have their concerns heard, understood and considered.



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Attachment 4 – Stage 1 Early Rate Payer Involvement Letter and Summary (April 2025)

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

[Rate-Payer Name]

[Rate Payer Email Address]

Dear [Contact Name]:

Re: P2969 Cadomin Area Load Rate-Payer Involvement Summary and Comment Matrix

During 2020 and 2021, the AESO hosted a series of workshops around Distribution and Transmission project coordinated planning, involving TFOs, DFOs, and rate-payer interest groups. In response to this engagement, the AESO implemented the Earlier Rate-Payer Group Involvement initiative in our connection process. The goal of early rate-payer group involvement is to increase transparency, improve trust, optimize regulatory efficiency, and develop the most economical and cost-effective solution through timely and meaningful collaboration. To review the Rate-Payer Involvement [Terms of Participation](#) please visit DFO Connection Projects at [AESO.ca](https://www.aeso.ca)

Regarding the P2969 Cadomin Area Load project (The Project), FortisAlberta Inc. has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to reliably serve new load in the Hinton/Edson area. Their request includes a Demand Transmission Service (DTS) contract capacity of 2.5 MW.

The Project is currently in Stage 1 of the AESO Connection Process. Please find attached several connection Alternatives that the AESO has identified to respond to the System Access Service Request. As per the Terms of Participation, we are seeking your feedback. Feedback will be accepted over a two-week period as indicated in the attached Comment Matrix. Please provide your input by April 15, 2025. Note that cost information is not available at this time, however, costs will be provided in Stage 3 to support the needs approval application as required.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

[Project Manager]

Attachment 5 – Stage 2 Early Rate Payer Involvement Letter and Summary (September 2025)

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

[Rate-Payer Name]

[Rate Payer Email Address]

Dear [Contact Name]:

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Regarding the P2969 Cadomin Area Load project (The Project), FortisAlberta Inc. has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to reliably serve new load in the Hinton/Edson area. Their request includes a Demand Transmission Service (DTS) contract capacity increase of 1.8 MW to 2.5 MW total capacity.

The Project is currently in Stage 2 of the AESO Connection Process. Please find attached several connection Alternatives that the AESO has identified to respond to the System Access Service Request. As per the Terms of Participation, we are seeking your feedback. Feedback will be accepted over a two-week period as indicated in the attached Comment Matrix. Please provide your input by September 17, 2025. Note that cost information is not available at this time, however, costs will be provided in Stage 3 to support the needs approval application as required.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

[Project Manager]

Attachment 6 – AESO Public Notification of ANAP Consideration Posting (June 3, 2026)

Cadomin 983S Substation Upgrade (2969)

Abbreviated Needs Approval Process: Notice of Consideration

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The AESO has determined that the Project is eligible for consideration under the ANAP Rule because the following eligibility criteria have been met:

- Project costs are estimated to be \$3.7M and were classified as participant-related in accordance with the ISO tariff. Additionally, in accordance with the ISO tariff, the AESO has determined that Fortis is eligible for approximately \$1.2M of local investment;
- the AESO has completed a participant involvement program (PIP) in accordance with the guidelines in Alberta Utilities Commission Rule 007;
- the Project is not anticipated to result in significant environmental effects; and
- No concerns or objections with the need for the Project have been raised. Prior to making its approval decision, the AESO will address additional stakeholder concerns that arise, if any.

Supporting information about this Project is available in the following documents:

- AESO Engineering Connection Assessment
- DFO Distribution Deficiency Report
- TFO Cost Estimate
- AESO PIP Summary

Attachment 7 - AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Notice of ANAP Consideration (June 3, 2026)

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