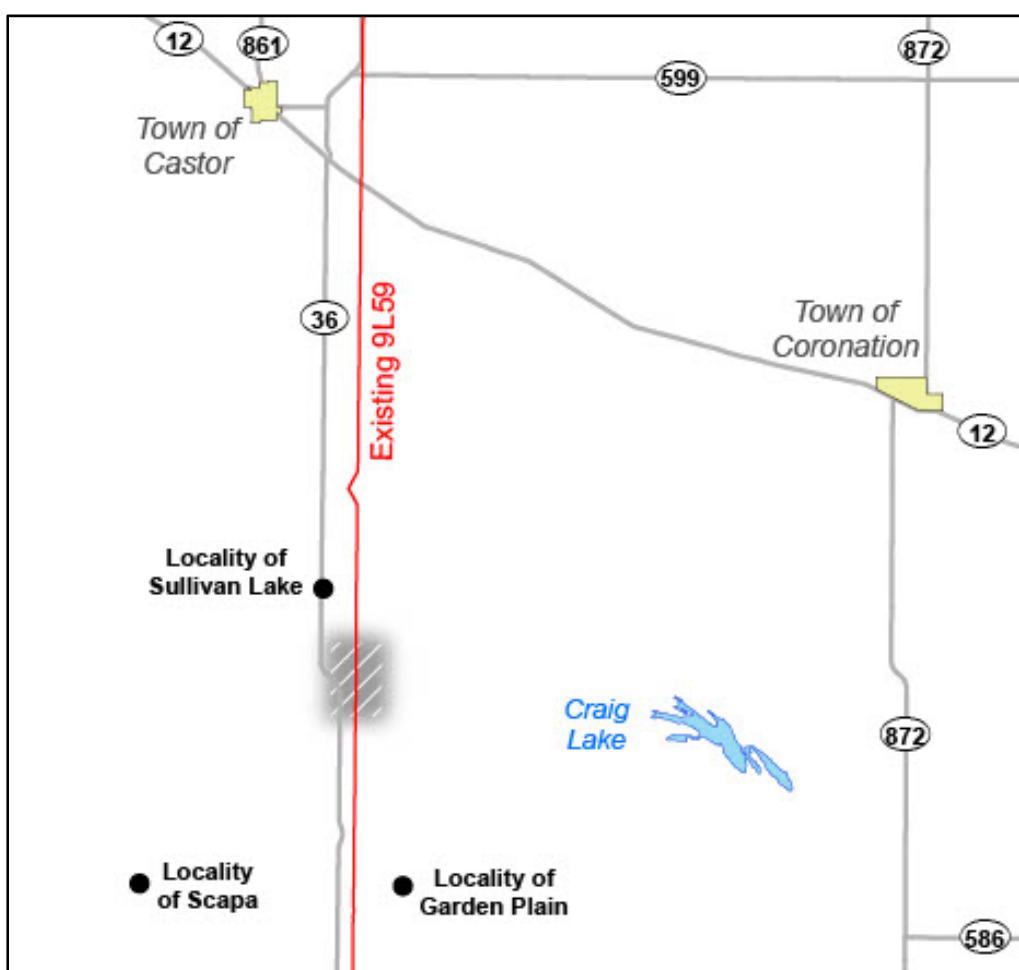


Notification of Needs Identification Document Filing Addressing the Need for the Garden Plain Wind Power Project in the Castor and Holden areas

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) advises you that it intends to file a Needs Identification Document (NID) for the Garden Plain Wind Power Project with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on or after March 24, 2021.

TransAlta Corporation (TransAlta) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to connect its approved Garden Plain Wind Power Project (Facility) in the Castor area. TransAlta's request can be met by the following solution:

- Add one 240 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, to connect the Facility to the existing 240 kV transmission line 9L59 in a T-tap configuration.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.



The grey shaded area on the map indicates the approximate location of the proposed transmission developments, including the 9L59 240 kV transmission line. The specific transmission facilities may extend beyond the grey shaded area shown.

ATCO Electric Ltd. is the transmission facility owner (TFO) in the Castor area. AltaLink Management Ltd. is the TFO in the Holden area (collectively TFOs). In August 2018, the AESO and ATCO began presenting this need to stakeholders, including residents, occupants and landowners. In September and October 2020, the AESO and the TFOs presented updated information regarding the need and revised transmission development. 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/garden-plain-wind-power-project-connection/>

In separate applications, called Facility Applications, the TFOs will each provide details of their respective proposed transmission facilities and request AUC approval to construct and operate these facilities.

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