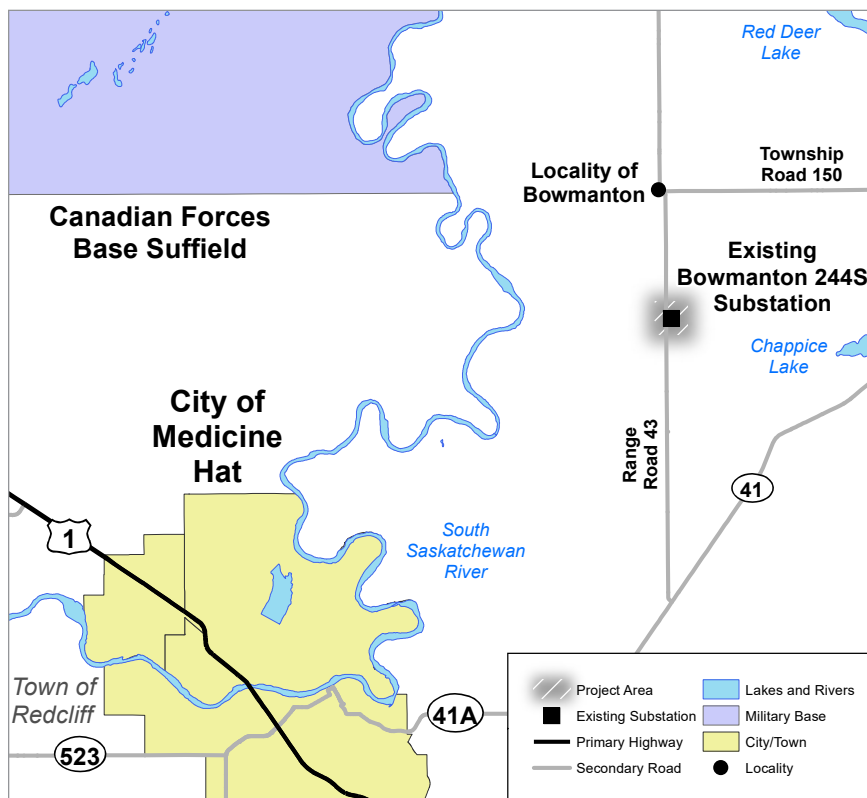


Notification of the AESO's intention to consider the Need for the Bowmanton 244S Substation Voltage Support Project for approval under the AESO's Abbreviated Needs Approval Process

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) intends to consider the need for the Bowmanton 244S Substation Voltage Support Project for approval under Section 501.3 of the ISO rules, Abbreviated Needs Approval Process, (ANAP Rule) on or after April 6, 2023

Recent studies have shown the existing transmission system in the Medicine Hat area needs to be modified to reliably connect new generation in the area. The AESO is optimizing the existing system by proposing modifications to the existing Bowmanton 244S substation, which include the addition of three capacitor banks and three 240 kilovolt (kV) circuit breakers.



The black square on the map indicates the location of the existing Bowmanton 244S substation.

AltaLink Management Ltd. is the transmission facility owner (TFO) in the Medicine Hat area. In October 2022, the AESO began notifying stakeholders, including residents, occupants, and landowners of this need for the Project.

The AESO intends to consider for approval the need for the Project under the ANAP Rule on or after April 6, 2023. If stakeholders have any questions or concerns, please contact the AESO before this date.

The AESO may consequently approve the need for the Project under the ANAP Rule, or if the AESO does not approve the need, it may submit a needs identification document (NID) application to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). The TFO will file an application to the AUC requesting approval to construct and operate the specific facilities associated with the transmission development.

Supporting information for this Project can be found on the AESO website at <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects/bowmanton-244s-substation-voltage-support-project-7083/>. If approved, the ANAP Approval Letter will also be posted on the AESO website.

Your feedback, comments and/or contact information collected by the AESO will be used to respond to your inquiries and/or to provide you with further information about the project. This information is collected in accordance with Section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, please contact the Manager, FOIP and Records Management, 2500, 330 – 5th Ave SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 0L4 or by telephone at 403-539-2890. If you choose to communicate by email, please note that email is not a secure form of communication. Security of your communication while in transit cannot be guaranteed.

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