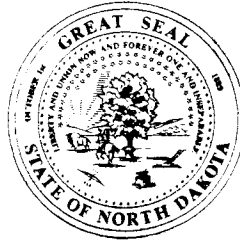


State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING OF

ALLETE, INC.

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that ALLETE, INC. , a Minnesota corporation, authorized to transact business in the State of North Dakota on May 29, 1998, and according to the records of this office as of this date, has paid all fees due this office as required by North Dakota statutes governing foreign corporations.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Good Standing to

ALLETE, INC.

Issued: October 28, 2008

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alvin A. Jaeger".

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

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Copy of Certificate of Good Standing

Allete, Inc.
Attorney, David Moeller