

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Allete, Inc / Square Butte Electric Cooperative
Transfer of Corridor Certificates & Route Permits
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-09-631

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
September 9, 2009**

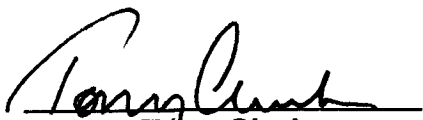
On August 18, 2009 Minnesota Power, an operating division of Allete, Inc., and Square Butte Electric Cooperative (Square Butte) filed a joint application for transfer to Minnesota Power of Certificates of Corridor Compatibility Nos. 70, 76 and 78 and for transfer of Route Permit Nos. 79, 86 and 88. These certificates and permits were originally issued to Square Butte for rerouted portions of its +/- 250 kV DC electric transmission line that extends 463 miles from Center, ND to near Duluth, MN. Applicants report agreements to transfer ownership of the line to Minnesota Power.

The issues to be considered in these matters are whether Minnesota Power agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of the certificates and permits issued to Square Butte and whether the requested transfers are compatible with the public interest.

Those interested are invited to comment on the applications in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding(s) and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by **October 20, 2009**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

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