

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

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Janet Marquart** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **11<sup>th</sup>** day of **September, 2009**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

**Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Mr. David R. Moeller, Attorney  
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Mr. Gerad Paul, Staff Attorney  
Square Butte Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 13200  
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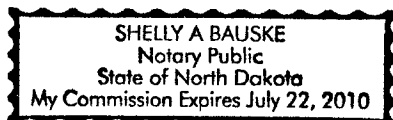
**Cert. No. 7008 1830 0004 1758 8505**

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **11<sup>th</sup>** day of **September, 2009**.

Janet Marquart  
Shelly A Bauske  
Notary Public

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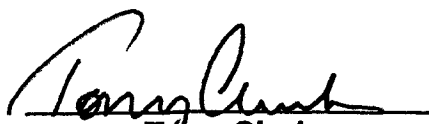
On August 18, 2009 Minnesota Power, an operating division of Allete, Inc., and Square Butte Electric Cooperative (Square Butte) filed a joint application for transfer to Minnesota Power of Certificates of Corridor Compatibility Nos. 70, 76 and 78 and for transfer of Route Permit Nos. 79, 86 and 88. These 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.

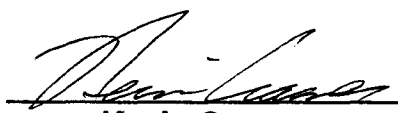
The issues to be considered in these matters are whether Minnesota Power agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of the certificates and permits issued to Square Butte and whether the requested transfers are compatible with the public interest.

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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