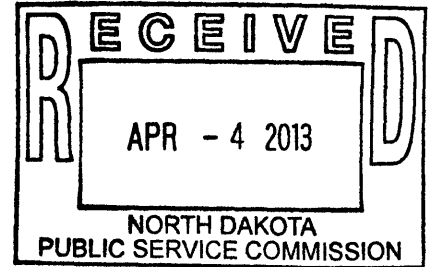




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Darrell Nitschke
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North Dakota Public Service Commission
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**RE: Certificate of Good Standing for ALLETE, Inc.
PU-09-696**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed is a copy of the Certificate of Good Standing for ALLETE, Inc., which was emailed to the North Dakota Public Service Commission yesterday.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at (218) 723-3963.

Sincerely,

David R. Moeller

Enc.

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: March 6, 2013

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

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State