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10 May 2011

Mr. Allen C. Hoberg
Office of Administrative Hearings
1707 North 9th Street, Lower Level
Bismarck, ND 58501

Re: Allete, Inc.
Bison 2 Wind Project - Oliver/Morton Counties
PU-11-57
Siting Application

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge in the captioned case. A hearing will begin Thursday, 7 July 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m., CDT, in Center, North Dakota at an address yet to be determined. When a Notice of Hearing is issued, we will forward it to your office.

The Administrative Law Judge will serve as a procedural law judge and the hearing will be electronically recorded.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Best regards,

Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco
General Counsel

enclosure
c: w/encl. David Moeller



REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE--APPEAL, APPLICATION, OR PETITION
 NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
 SFN 17819 (Rev. 03-2001)

Name of Agency, Board, or Commission
 North Dakota Public Service Commission

The above named agency, board, or commission requests designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Minnesota Power's Allete, Inc. Bison 2 Wind Project - Oliver/Morton Counties
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(e.g., application of [name], appeal of [name], petition of [name]). Authority for the administrative action is found in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 (North Dakota Century Code and/or North Dakota Administrative Code).

Please attach related documents and correspondence.

The administrative action is more fully described as follows:
 Questions to be addressed - Will location, construction, and operation produce minimal adverse environmental effects? Are the facilities compatible with environmental preservation and efficient use of resources? And will location minimize adverse human impact?

It requests designation of an administrative law judge (please check one):

- To conduct the hearing and issue recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.
- To serve as a procedural administrative law judge only (no recommended decision). The agency head will be present at the hearing as required by NDCC 54-57-04(6).
- To conduct the hearing, issue findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a final order.

PLEASE MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE HEARING.

Please list parties, including the agency if it is a Party, and Representation [attorney (or other)] if known, or Agency Contact: (Attach separate list if necessary.)

AGENCY See Attached	Address	Telephone Number
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
PARTY	Address	Telephone Number
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
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Additional Comments
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(For agencies required to use OAH, notice of hearing will be issued by the administrative law judge, unless a procedural administrative law judge is requested. Other requesting agencies and agencies requesting a procedural administrative law judge should first contact OAH about scheduling a hearing. If notice has already been issued, attach a copy of the notice.)

Typed or Printed Name and Title of Requesting Person Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, General Counsel	Date 10 May 2011
Signature of Requesting Person x <i>Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco</i>	Telephone Number 701-328-2407

Attachment
Request for ALJ
10 May 2011

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