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29 July 2011

Mr. Allen C. Hoberg
Office of Administrative Hearings
2911 North 14th Street – Suite 303
Bismarck, ND 58503

Re: Allete, Inc.
Bison 3 Wind Project
PU-11-162
Siting Application

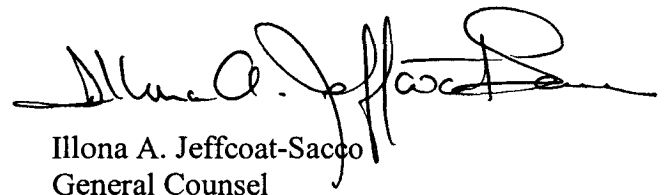
Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge in the captioned case. A hearing is scheduled for 15 September 2011, at a time and location yet to be determined. When a Notice of Hearing is issued I 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 A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
General Counsel

enclosure
c: w/encl. David Moeller
Mitch Armstrong



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 Allete, Inc. Bison 3 Wind Project, PSC Case No. PU-11-162 - Siting Application

(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:
 Allete, Inc. filed an Application for a certificate of site compatibility for the Bison 3 Wind Project in Morton and Oliver Counties which, when complete, will generate 105 MW of electricity and will consist of 35 wind turbine generators.

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
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Additional Comments
 A hearing is scheduled for 15 September 2011, at a time and location yet to be determined. When a Notice of Hearing is issued, we will forward it to your office.

(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 29 July 2011
Signature of Requesting Person 	Telephone Number 701-328-2407

Attachment
 Request for ALJ
 29 July 2011

Allete, Inc.
 Bison 3 Wind Project
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