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4 January 2012

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

Re: Allete, Inc.  
230 kV Transmission Line Extension- Oliver County  
PU-11-620  
Siting Application

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge in the captioned case. A hearing is tentatively scheduled for 5 March 2012, 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,

Mark Gruman  
Legal 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. 06-2007)

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. 230 kV Transmission Line Extension- Oliver County PU-11-620 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:  
 Minnesota Power filed an Application for a Corridor Certificate and a Route Permit for a 230 kV transmission line in Southwest Oliver county.

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 28-32-31(5). See NDCC 54-57-04.
- 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 Mark Gruman, Legal Counsel	Date 1/4/2012
Signature of Requesting Person 	Telephone Number (701) 328-2421

Attachment  
 Request for ALJ  
 4 January 2012

Allete, Inc.  
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<b>Representation</b> Mitchell Armstrong Smith Bakke Porsborg & Schweigert Attorneys at Law	<b>Address</b> P.O. Box 460 Bismarck, ND 58502-0460	<b>Telephone Number</b> 701-258-0630
<b>PARTY</b> Minnesota Power	<b>Address</b> 30 West Superior St. Duluth, MN 55803	<b>Telephone Number</b> 218-723-3963
<b>Representation</b> David Moeller Senior Attorney	<b>Address</b> Minnesota Power 30 West Superior St. Duluth, MN 55803	<b>Telephone Number</b> 218-723-3963
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