

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Allete, Inc.  
230 kV Transmission Line – Mercer, Morton, Oliver  
Counties  
Siting Application

Case No. PU-11-620

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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**Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

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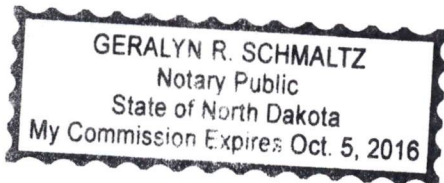
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **24<sup>th</sup>** day of **January, 2012**.

  
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**NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
January 18, 2012**

On November 14, 2011, Minnesota Power, a division of ALLETE, Inc., filed applications for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, a corridor certificate and a route permit to authorize construction of approximately 11 miles of 230 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities in Mercer, Morton and Oliver Counties of North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

Minnesota Power requests the Commission waive procedures and time schedules set forth in North Dakota Century Code chapter 49-22 and North Dakota Administrative Code article 69-06 to allow for a single consolidated application for corridor certificate and route permit and to hold a combined hearing on the waiver request and application for corridor certificate and route permit.

**A Public Hearing** on the application is scheduled to begin **March 5, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. CST, at the Oliver County Court House, 115 Main Street, Center, North Dakota 58530.** The issues to be considered are:

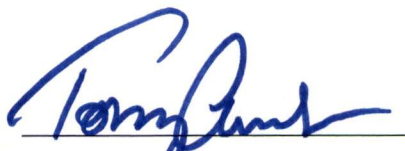
1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?
4. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive procedures and time schedules as requested, including the request for a single consolidated application for corridor certificate and route permit?

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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