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VIA FILING EMAIL: NDPSC@ND.GOV

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: ALLETE Clean Energy, Inc. - 100 MW Clean Energy #1 Wind Project
Mercer & Morton Counties
Case No. **PU-11-662**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find attached for filing ALLETE Clean Energy's Notes from Preconstruction Conference and Notice of Construction Commencement Date from the meeting held on November 16, 2015.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

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Attachment

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- Sean Garry - Carlson McCain (sgarry@carlsonmccain.com)
- Emmy Baskerville - Houston Engineering (ebaskerville@houstoneng.com)
- Dan McCourtney
- Wells McGiffert
- Frank Frederickson
- John Hollingsworth

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**State of North Dakota
Public Service Commission**

**Notes from Preconstruction Conference
Notice of Construction Commencement Date**

ALLETE Clean Energy
Clean Energy #1 Wind Project
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In accordance with North Dakota Public Service Commission's (PSC) guidance, Mr. Jerry Lein from the PSC conducted a preconstruction conference with ALLETE Clean Energy on November 16, 2015 at approximately 3:00 p.m. Attendees from ALLETE Clean Energy were the following: Dan McCourtney, Wells McGiffert, Steve Peluso, and David R. Moeller. Mr. McCourtney is ALLETE Clean Energy's designated representative and Mr. McGiffert is the construction supervisor. Sean Garry and Todd Hartleben from Carlson McCain, Inc., the PSC's third-party construction inspector, were also on the conference call.

ALLETE Clean Energy will begin initial construction of the Clean Energy #1 Wind Project this fall for federal Production Tax Credit (PTC) eligibility purposes in anticipation of a future off-taker for the project. Initial construction will consist of approximately 1-2 miles of access roads in accordance with previous site layout plans.

In accordance with the PSC Certification, Paragraph 5, ALLETE Clean Energy hereby provides the notice that it will continue construction on or about November 20, 2015. Mr. Hollingsworth will contact Houston Engineering to set up standardized safety plans.

Mr. Lein and representatives of ALLETE Clean Energy discussed the PSC's Certification that is attached to the Order dated August 29, 2012. Weekly construction notification will be sent to the PSC and Carlson McCain and once initial construction is completed this fall notification will cease until construction resumes in the future. There was no further discussion or clarification necessary on specific Certification paragraphs.