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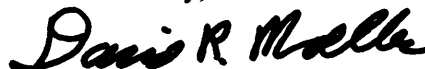
RE: ALLETE Clean Energy's Ten Year Plan – July 2012

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed are ten paper copies of ALLETE Clean Energy's North Dakota Ten-Year Plan pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-22-04. Notice of the filing of this plan will be given pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code 69-06-02-02 to the state agencies and officers as designated in N.D. Admin. Code 69-06-01-05. A copy of ALLETE Clean Energy's Ten Year Plan will also be filed with the Mercer and Morton county auditors.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at (218) 723-3963.

Sincerely,



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2012 Ten year plan

TEN-YEAR PLAN

ALLETE Clean Energy, Inc.
A subsidiary of ALLETE, Inc.
Duluth, Minnesota

Prepared for the North Dakota Public Service Commission
Pursuant to Section 49-22-04 of the
North Dakota Century Code

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ALLETE Clean Energy's

TEN-YEAR PLAN

INTRODUCTION

ALLETE Clean Energy (ACE), a wholly owned subsidiary of ALLETE, Inc. Launched on July 28, 2011, ACE plans to develop and acquire capital projects for electric utilities, cooperatives, municipalities, independent power marketers and large end users. ACE expects to grow with the trend toward sustainable power and the resulting state renewable energy standards, as well as the likely more stringent environmental standards at the federal level. ACE is currently permitting its Clean Energy #1 Wind Project (PU-11-662)

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SECTION A: Existing Energy Conversion Facilities

None

SECTION B: Energy Conversion Facilities Under Construction

None

SECTION C: Proposed Energy Conversion Facilities on Which Construction is Intended Within The Ensuing Five Years

ACE has initiated the permitting processes for the nominal 100 MW Clean Energy #1 Wind Project (PU-11-662). Subject to NDPSC approval and securing an off-taker for the project. ACE intends to construct additional wind projects in North Dakota and will make individual applications to the NDPSC for approval when the timing is determined.

SECTION D: Proposed Energy Conversion Facilities During the Next Ten-Year Time Period

See response to Section C.

SECTION E: Existing Transmission Facilities (Electric)

None.

SECTION F: Existing Transmission Facilities (Pipeline)

None

SECTION G: Proposed Transmission Facilities on Which Construction is Intended Within the Ensuing Five Years

On behalf of ACE, Minnesota Power obtained NDPSC approval for an additional 10 mile western extension of Minnesota Power's 230 kV AC transmission line (PU-11-620). This project is currently dependent on ACE going forward with the Clean Energy #1 Wind Project.

SECTION H: Proposed Transmission Facilities on Which Construction is Intended Within the Ensuing Five Years (Pipeline)

None contemplated.

SECTION I: Proposed Transmission Facilities During the Next Ten-Year Time Period (Electric and Pipeline)

See response to Section G.

SECTION J: Regional coordination

Not applicable.

SECTION K: Environmental information

See Application and other information in Case No. PU-11-662.

SECTION L: Projected demand for service

Not applicable.