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Mr. Darrel Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Minnesota Power's Application for a Corridor Certificate and
Route Permit - 250 kV Direct Current Line Re-route
Case No. PU-13-103

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed an original and ten copies of ALLETE/Minnesota Power's
Notes from the Preconstruction Conference held on October 16, 2013, along with
the Notice of Construction Commencement Date in the above-referenced case.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

c: Dan McCourtney, Minnesota Power



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Notes from preconstruction conference, Notice of
Construction Commencement Date

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Notes from Preconstruction Conference Notice of Construction Commencement Date

ALLETE, Inc. d/b/a Minnesota Power
250kV DC Trans. Line Reroute
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In accordance with North Dakota Public Service Commission's (PSC) Certification, Paragraph 2, Mr. Jerry Lein from the PSC conducted a preconstruction conference with Minnesota Power on October 16, 2013 at approximately 2:00 p.m. Attendees from Minnesota Power were the following: Steve Snyder, Dan McCourtney, Mark Wolcott, Bryan Mazlowski, and David Moeller. Mr. McCourtney is Minnesota Power's designated representative and Mr. Snyder is the construction supervisor. Kevin Magstadt from Wenck will be the PSC's third-party construction inspector.

In accordance with the PSC Certification, Paragraph 5, Minnesota Power hereby provides the notice that it will commence construction on or about **Monday, October 21, 2013**.

Mr. Lein and representatives of Minnesota Power discussed each paragraph of the PSC's Certification that is attached to the Order approved at October 9, 2013 agenda meeting. Except as noted below, there was no further discussion or clarification necessary on specific Certification paragraphs.

4. Minnesota Power has obtained all necessary approvals and filed with the PSC copies of all required permits.
5. Minnesota Power and Mr. Lein discussed expectations for the weekly construction report and to notify the PSC when construction has ceased for the winter. The weekly reports will also be filed with Wenck.
19. No tree and shrub mitigation is expected based on the supplemental information filed; however, Minnesota Power will note that in its final construction report.
31. Mr. Lein noted that very minor shifts in structure locations may be approved at the Staff level.