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7 May 2013

Mr. Allen C. Hoberg  
2911 North 14th Street - Ste 303  
Bismarck, ND 58503

Re: Allete, Inc.  
210MW Bison IV Wind Farm  
Siting Application  
Case No. PU-13-127

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge in the captioned case. This case is in its early stages and a Notice of Hearing has not been issued yet. When a Notice of Hearing is issued, we 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,



Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco  
General Counsel

enclosure  
c: w/encl. David Moeller



**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. 210mW Bison IV Wind Farm - Mercer, Morton, Oliver Counties  
Siting Application, PSC Case No. PU-13-127

(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:  
 On May 6, 2013, Allete, Inc. filed an Application for a certificate of site compatibility for the Bison 4 wind energy conversion facility located in Mercer, Oliver, and Morton counties.

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
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PARTY	Address	Telephone Number
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
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Additional Comments  
 A Notice of Hearing has not been issued in this case but when we do have a Notice we will forward it to your office.

(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 Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, General Counsel	Date 5/7/2013
Signature of Requesting Person x	Telephone Number (701) 328-2407

Attachment  
 Request for ALJ  
 7 May 2013

Allete, Inc.  
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