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NEWS

Minnesota Power seeks wind electric supply proposals

DULUTH, Minn. – Minnesota Power, a division of ALLETE, Inc. (NYSE: ALE), today released a request for proposal document (RFP) seeking proposals from outside entities wishing to provide a portion of its future renewable electric power requirements.

The RFP is specifically seeking up to 100 megawatts of wind generation that is deliverable to Minnesota Power's service territory prior to the expiration of the Federal Production Tax Credit on December 31, 2012. Minnesota Power also intends to consider building its own renewable resource solution to meet its customers' needs.

A copy of the RFP and additional details are available at www.mnpower.com under "Rates & Rights" in the "Customer Service" section of the website. Proposals will be accepted by Minnesota Power through January 5, 2011.

Minnesota Power provides retail electric service within a 26,000-square-mile area in northeastern Minnesota to 144,000 customers and wholesale electric service to 16 municipalities. More information can be found at www.mnpower.com.

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