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NEWS

Public invited to learn about Minnesota Power's advancement of *EnergyForward*

Duluth, Minn.—Minnesota Power a division of ALLETE, Inc. (NYSE: ALE), invites electric customers and interested stakeholders to attend one of four informational meetings to be held in St. Paul and across Minnesota Power's service territory in October to learn more about the Company's 2015 Integrated Resource Plan. The 2015 Plan was filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on September 1, 2015.

The 2015 Plan outlines the next chapter in the Company's *EnergyForward* resource strategy. Minnesota Power's *EnergyForward* strategy is reshaping the Company's power supply from a predominantly coal-based energy mix to one that is more diverse, while maintaining low cost, reliable electricity to customers. The 2015 Plan is designed to supply Minnesota Power customers with a safe, reliable, and affordable power supply while improving environmental performance, and reducing emissions, sustaining the Company's high-quality energy conservation program and adding renewables in the near-term and natural gas in the long-term.

The 2015 Plan covers the fifteen-year planning period from 2015 – 2029, and is available on [Minnesota Power's website](#). Attendees will learn about the region's future energy needs and how the Company is planning to further diversify its energy supply while keeping power affordable for its customers. The public will have the opportunity to ask Minnesota Power questions about the 2015 Plan following a brief presentation.

Meetings:

St. Paul – Monday, October 5, 2015

- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Best Western Plus Capital Ridge (formerly the Kelley Inn)
161 St. Anthony Avenue

Duluth – Wednesday, October 7, 2015

- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- University of Minnesota Duluth - Griggs' Center
1120 Kirby Drive

Eveleth – Thursday, October 8, 2015

- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Curl Mesabi
901 Hat Trick Avenue

Little Falls – Thursday, October 15, 2015

- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Initiative Foundation
405 1st Street SE

Minnesota Power provides electric service within a 26,000-square-mile area in northeastern Minnesota, supporting comfort, security and quality of life for 144,000 customers, 16 municipalities and some of the largest industrial customers in the United States. More information can be found at www.mnpower.com.

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