

**Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota  
Information Requests**

Date of Request: November 24, 2020  
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Requested From: Minnesota Power  
Request Due: December 4, 2020

**In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval  
to Track and Defer Lost Large Industrial Customer Sales  
Resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Docket No. 20-814**

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9. Please provide an explanation of the organizational structure of ALLETE, Inc. and how Minnesota Power fits into that structure. Specifically, explain: (a) whether ownership and control of Minnesota Power is distinct from ownership and control of ALLETE, Inc. from a legal perspective, and (b) whether assets and liabilities of Minnesota Power are distinct from assets and liabilities of ALLETE, Inc. for tax and accounting purposes.

**Response:**

Minnesota Power, Inc. received shareholder approval to change its name to ALLETE, Inc. on May 8, 2001, to better reflect the diversified businesses of the corporation. Minnesota Power continues as the regulated utility providing service in Minnesota. In petitions and elsewhere, the term "ALLETE" is used when referring to the corporate activity of the combined business units, and Minnesota Power is used when referring to the regulated electric utility operations in Minnesota. Minnesota Power is a public utility as defined in Minn. Stat. § 216B.02, subd. 4. Legally, ALLETE and Minnesota Power are the same ownership and control and assets and liabilities of Minnesota Power are the same as ALLETE's for tax and accounting purposes.

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