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ALLETE Clean Energy donates \$5,000 to volunteer fire department near Northern Wind sites

Duluth, Minn.— ALLETE Clean Energy, a wholly owned subsidiary of ALLETE Inc. (NYSE: ALE), donated \$5,000 to the Lake Wilson Volunteer Fire Department near its Viking and Chanarambie wind sites, collectively called Northern Wind.

The donation, to fund the purchase of turnout gear, was made June 28 at the fire department's bi-weekly meeting. The latest donation follows two previous donations of \$3,000 each, also to pay for the purchase of turnout gear for firefighters.

"ALLETE Clean Energy has been part of the Lake Wilson community since 2015, when we purchased the Viking and Chanarambie wind sites," said ALLETE Clean Energy President Allan S. Rudeck Jr. "Safety is a core value at our company, and we're proud to extend that safety value to the local community by helping to protect its firefighters. These volunteers are always ready to answer the call to assist their neighbors, and they deserve the gear they need to respond safely to potentially dangerous situations."

The Lake Wilson fire department averages about 20 volunteers, and responds to emergencies in a wide area of southwestern Minnesota.

ALLETE Clean Energy acquires, develops and operates clean and renewable energy projects and is well-positioned to drive additional clean-energy sector growth. ALLETE Clean Energy owns, operates, has in its development pipeline, has under construction and has delivered build-transfer projects totaling about 1,700 megawatts of nameplate renewable capacity across eight states. It retains a valuable inventory of turbines that qualify for the safe harbor provision of federal renewable energy production tax credits, and is exploring additional opportunities to put more of them to use to serve customers.

ALLETE Inc. is an energy company headquartered in Duluth, Minnesota. In addition to its electric utilities, Minnesota Power and Superior Water, Light and Power of Wisconsin, ALLETE owns ALLETE Clean Energy, based in Duluth; BNI Energy in Bismarck, North Dakota; and has an eight percent equity interest in the American Transmission Co. More information about ALLETE is available at www.allete.com. ALE-CORP

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