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ALLETE Clean Energy dedicates Glen Ullin Energy Center 106-MW wind site in Morton and Mercer counties will be online this fall

Duluth, Minn. — ALLETE Clean Energy, a wholly owned subsidiary of ALLETE (NYSE: ALE), dedicated its Glen Ullin Energy Center on Tuesday, Sept. 17, with a community celebration in Glen Ullin, North Dakota.

About 110 people attended the event at the Sacred Heart Church Parish Center, where ALLETE Clean Energy, project contractor Wanzek Construction and turbine supplier General Electric announced a combined \$34,000 in grants to eight local organizations. Receiving the grants were the Glen Ullin Fire Department, Beulah Rural Fire Department, Glen Ullin Ambulance, Mercer County Ambulance, Mercer County 4H Extension, Morton County 4H Extension, and Glen Ullin and Beulah schools. Speakers at the event included North Dakota Lt. Governor Brent Sanford and senior leadership from ALLETE and Xcel.

“We are excited to celebrate the development and construction of the Glen Ullin Energy Center, which will provide Xcel Energy new sources of local energy to serve its customers with reliable, affordable power for decades to come,” said ALLETE Clean Energy President Allan S. Rudeck Jr. “We appreciate North Dakota policymakers and landowner partners who together have created a strong business climate to encourage large, long-term investments such as Glen Ullin Energy Center in our country’s energy infrastructure. North Dakota’s consistent ‘all of the above’ energy policy framework continues to fuel its success as a national energy leader, which in turn benefits the state and local communities.”

“Today marks another milestone in North Dakota’s evolution into an energy powerhouse,” said North Dakota Lt. Governor Brent Sanford. “We’re fortunate to have companies like ALLETE Clean Energy that continue to develop North Dakota’s abundant wind resource, strengthen our state’s position as a net energy exporter and expand our economic base.”

Glen Ullin Energy Center, a 106-megawatt wind site, is scheduled to be online in October and producing enough electricity to power about 55,650 homes from its General Electric turbines. It will supply electricity to Xcel Energy subsidiary Northern States Power, employ about 10 people during operation, and provide property tax and other business benefits to area communities.

“Xcel Energy continues to lead the clean energy transition and projects like the Glen Ullin Energy Center will help us meet our goals to reduce carbon emissions while keeping bills low,” said Mark Nisbet, principal manager, Xcel Energy. “We’re investing in more than 1,600 megawatts of new wind energy in the region that will help us reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent and put us on a path to meet our vision of 100 percent carbon free electricity by 2050.”

Glen Ullin Energy Center is the second North Dakota wind project developed by ALLETE Clean Energy, and the first it will own and operate. It also developed the 107.5-megawatt Thunder Spirit wind farm in North Dakota, which was sold to Montana-Dakota Utilities in 2015. ALLETE Clean Energy in 2018 expanded Thunder Spirit to about 155 megawatts and sold the expansion to MDU.

According to recent research, ALLETE Inc., ALLETE Clean Energy's parent company, is ranked the second-largest investor in renewable energy as a percentage of market capitalization.

"This project is just the latest installment of ALLETE investment in North Dakota and development of its world-class energy resources, a successful strategy for us that goes back for decades," said ALLETE Chairman and CEO Al Hodnik. "The nature of our investments is increasingly focused on carbon-free energy solutions. ALLETE sees plenty of untapped potential for further growth not only in North Dakota, but also across the United States, as our talented team of employees continues to execute our shared purpose to answer the call to transform the nation's energy landscape."

ALLETE Clean Energy acquires, develops and operates clean and renewable energy projects. ALLETE Clean Energy currently owns and operates, in four states, approximately 545 megawatts of nameplate capacity wind energy generation that is contracted under power sale agreements of various durations. ALLETE Clean Energy also engages in the development of wind energy facilities to operate under long-term power sale agreements or for sale to others upon completion, with nearly 500 megawatts of projects scheduled to come online in the next year.

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.

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