

ALLETE Schedules First-Quarter Earnings Release and Conference Call

Duluth, Minn. – ALLETE, Inc. (NYSE:ALE) will announce its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 before the market opens on Thursday, April 25, 2002.

Following the release, ALLETE Chairman, President and CEO David Gartzke and Chief Financial Officer James Vizanko will present an overview of results and other factors affecting performance during a conference call beginning at 9 a.m. EDT.

Interested parties may listen to the conference by calling (913) 981-5546 or by listening to a Webcast on ALLETE's Web site at <u>www.allete.com</u>.