



## **Kathleen Brekken Named To ALLETE, Inc. Board Of Directors**

DULUTH, Minn.-ALLETE, Inc. (NYSE: ALE) today announced that Kathleen Brekken has joined its board of directors.

Brekken, 57, is a retired business executive from Cannon Falls, Minn. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. For nearly 20 years Brekken was president and CEO of Midwest of Cannon Falls, retiring in 2003. She served on the ALLETE, Inc. board of directors from 1997 to 2003.

"We are pleased to welcome Kathy back to the ALLETE board," said Don Shippar, ALLETE Chairman, President and CEO. "Her business experience, as well as her previous service with the company, will be an asset to our board."

Brekken serves on the board of the Cannon Falls Medical Center – Mayo Health System and is a member of the St. Olaf College Board of Regents.

ALLETE's corporate headquarters are located in Duluth, Minnesota. ALLETE provides energy services in the upper Midwest and has significant real estate holdings in Florida. More information about the company is available on ALLETE's Web site at [www.allete.com](http://www.allete.com).

The statements contained in this release and statements that ALLETE may make orally in connection with this release that are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties and investors are directed to the risks discussed in documents filed by ALLETE with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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