



ALLETE Schedules 2nd Quarter Earnings Release and Conference Call

DULUTH, Minn.-ALLETE, Inc. (NYSE:ALE) will announce its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2003 during the morning of Thursday, July 24, 2003.

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 4:15 p.m. Eastern time.

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

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