

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED) - AUGUST 8, 2000

MINNESOTA POWER, INC.

A Minnesota Corporation  
Commission File No. 1-3548  
IRS Employer Identification No. 41-0418150  
30 West Superior Street  
Duluth, Minnesota 55802-2093  
Telephone - (218) 722-2641

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

Reference is made to Minnesota Power, Inc.'s (Minnesota Power or Company) 1999 Form 10-K for background information on the following update. Unless otherwise indicated, cited references are to the Company's 1999 Form 10-K.

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On August 8, 2000 Minnesota Power announced it will begin doing business as ALLETE (NYSE: ALE), effective September 1, 2000. The new name better reflects the identity of a multi-services company with businesses across the United States and Canada. The Company's regulated electric business will continue to be called Minnesota Power, a name appropriate for an energy business located primarily in Minnesota.

Shareholders will be asked to approve changing the Company's legal name at the next annual meeting of shareholders, which will be held on May 8, 2001. Headquarters for ALLETE will remain in Duluth, Minnesota.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Minnesota Power, Inc.

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(Registrant)

August 8, 2000

D. G. Gartzke

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Senior Vice President - Finance  
and Chief Financial Officer