

ALLETE 3rd Quarter Earnings/Conf Call Scheduled

DULUTH, Minn. — ALLETE, Inc. (NYSE: ALE) will announce its financial results for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 2005 with a news release scheduled to be issued before the market opens on Friday, Oct. 28, 2005. Following the release, ALLETE President and CEO Donald J. Shippar and Chief Financial Officer James K. Vizanko will offer commentary on the results and answer questions about ALLETE's financial performance during a conference call beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern time.

Interested parties may listen to the conference by calling (719) 457-2696 or by listening to a web cast on the corporate web site, www.allete.com.

ALLETE's corporate headquarters are located in Duluth, Minn. ALLETE provides energy services in the upper Midwest and has significant real estate holdings in Florida. For more information about the company, access its website at 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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