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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2360-272]

Allete, Inc.; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Application Type: Amendment of Project Boundary
- b. Project No: 2360-272
- c. Date Filed: December 22, 2020, and supplemented on April 27, 2021
- d. Applicant: Allete, Inc.
- e. Name of Project: St. Louis River Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: Island Lake Reservoir, Fish Lake Reservoir, and Whiteface Reservoir in St. Louis County, Minnesota
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a - 825r
- h. Applicant Contact: Greg Prom, Minnesota Power, 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, Minnesota, 55802-2093, (218) 355-3191
- i. FERC Contact: Mark Carter, (678) 245-3083, [mark.carter@ferc.gov](mailto:mark.carter@ferc.gov)
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: May 31, 2021.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-

2360-272. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

k. Description of Request: Allete, Inc (licensee) is proposing to amend its project boundary at three of the project's reservoirs (i.e., Island Lake Reservoir, Fish Lake Reservoir, and Whiteface Reservoir) to more accurately reflect the lands needed for project purposes. The licensee would remove approximately 191 acres of land around the reservoirs that are currently leased to individuals for private, residential use, while preserving an upland buffer area around the reservoirs. Additionally, the licensee would add 469 acres of land around the three reservoirs to be managed as Natural Character Areas for scenic and environmental protection uses. The proposed project boundary adjustment would result in a net increase of 423 acres of project lands including the removal of residential lands, addition of environmental protection lands, as well as other additions to reflect actual acreages of islands and recreation areas inside the project boundary.

l. Locations of the Application: In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the Federal Register, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "elibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the document field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3673 or TYY, (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service

list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Dated: April 29, 2021

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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