

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) – December 31, 2007 (December 28, 2007)

ALLETE, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-3548

(Commission File Number)

41-0418150

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**30 West Superior Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802-2093**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(218) 279-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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SECTION 8 – OTHER EVENTS

Item 8.01 Other Events

Minnesota Power, an operating division of ALLETE, Inc., submitted a filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Friday, December 28, 2007, seeking to increase electric rates for its wholesale customers. This request applies only to Minnesota Power's 16 wholesale municipal customers and two private utilities in Wisconsin, including Superior Water, Light & Power (SWL&P), a wholly-owned subsidiary of ALLETE, Inc. The filing seeks a 10% rate increase for wholesale municipal customers, a 12.5% increase for SWL&P and an overall return on equity of 11.25%. On an annualized basis, the filing would generate approximately \$7.5 million in additional revenue.

A copy of Minnesota Power's December 31, 2007, press release announcing the rate increase is being furnished with the Securities and Exchange Commission as exhibit 99.

SECTION 9 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired – Not applicable
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information – Not applicable
- (c) Shell Company Transactions – Not applicable
- (d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number

99 -Minnesota Power News Release dated December 31, 2007, stating Minnesota Power filed a wholesale rate adjustment request with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Readers are cautioned that forward-looking statements should be read in conjunction with ALLETE's disclosures under the heading: "SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995" located on page 3 of this Form 8-K.

Safe Harbor Statement
Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

In connection with the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, we are hereby filing cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected in forward-looking statements (as such term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) made by or on behalf of ALLETE in this Current Report on Form 8-K, in presentations, in response to questions or otherwise. Any statements that express, or involve discussions as to expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions, or future events or performance (often, but not always, through the use of words or phrases such as “anticipates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “expects,” “intends,” “plans,” “projects,” “will likely result,” “will continue,” “could,” “may,” “potential,” “target,” “outlook” or similar expressions) are not statements of historical facts and may be forward-looking.

Forward-looking statements involve estimates, assumptions, risks and uncertainties, which are beyond our control and may cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those that may be projected. These statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to, and are accompanied by, the following important factors, in addition to any assumptions and other factors referred to specifically:

- our ability to successfully implement our strategic objectives;
- our ability to manage expansion and integrate acquisitions;
- prevailing governmental policies, regulatory actions, and legislation including those of the United States Congress, state legislatures, the FERC, the MPUC, the PSCW, and various local and county regulators, and city administrators, about allowed rates of return, financings, industry and rate structure, acquisition and disposal of assets and facilities, real estate development, operation and construction of plant facilities, recovery of purchased power and capital investments, present or prospective wholesale and retail competition (including but not limited to transmission costs), zoning and permitting of land held for resale and environmental regulation;
- effects of restructuring initiatives in the electric industry;
- economic and geographic factors, including political and economic risks;
- changes in and compliance with laws and policies;
- weather conditions;
- natural disasters and pandemic diseases;
- war and acts of terrorism;
- wholesale power market conditions;
- population growth rates and demographic patterns;
- effects of competition, including competition for retail and wholesale customers;
- changes in the real estate market;
- pricing and transportation of commodities;
- changes in tax rates or policies or in rates of inflation;
- unanticipated project delays or changes in project costs;
- availability of construction materials and skilled construction labor for capital projects;
- unanticipated changes in operating expenses and capital expenditures;
- global and domestic economic conditions;
- our ability to access capital markets and bank financing;
- changes in interest rates and the performance of the financial markets;
- our ability to replace a mature workforce and retain qualified, skilled and experienced personnel; and
- the outcome of legal and administrative proceedings (whether civil or criminal) and settlements that affect the business and profitability of ALLETE.

Additional disclosures regarding factors that could cause our results and performance to differ from results or performance anticipated by this report are discussed in Item 1A under the heading “Risk Factors” in Part I of our 2006 Form 10-K. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which that statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for management to predict all of these factors, nor can it assess the impact of each of these factors on the businesses of ALLETE or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Readers are urged to carefully review and consider the various disclosures made by us in this Form 8-K and in our other reports filed with the SEC that attempt to advise interested parties of the factors that may affect our business.

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.

ALLETE, Inc.

December 31, 2007

/s/ Steven Q. DeVinck

Steven Q. DeVinck
Controller

ALLETE, Inc. Form 8-K FERC Wholesale Rate Case December 31, 2007



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DULUTH, Minn.— On December 28, 2007 Minnesota Power, an ALLETE company (NYSE: ALE), filed a rate adjustment request with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) seeking an increase in the electric rates of its wholesale customers. Minnesota Power has not asked for a wholesale rate adjustment since 1995.

This request applies only to Minnesota Power's 16 municipal customers and two private utilities in Wisconsin, including Superior Water, Light & Power Company. The requested increase is approximately 10% for municipal customers and approximately 12.5% for Superior Water, Light & Power Company.

Minnesota Power anticipates the rate adjustment will result in an annual revenue increase of approximately \$7.5 million. Minnesota Power has asked FERC for interim rates to take effect by March 1, 2008 and expects FERC approval of final rates by late 2008 or early 2009.

"This rate adjustment would acknowledge our increased costs of providing service to wholesale customers, including general operation and maintenance expenses, while integrating environmental compliance, renewable generation, and transmission asset additions," said Don Shippar, ALLETE Chairman, President and CEO.

Wholesale customers are the communities within the Minnesota Power service area who distribute electric service to their residents, and the Wisconsin private utilities. Retail customers of Minnesota Power who receive their bill directly from the company are not included in this rate request.

"The rates paid for Minnesota Power electric service—by both wholesale and retail customers—have historically been among the lowest in the United States," Shippar added. "We do not anticipate this changing as a result of this proposed rate adjustment."

Minnesota Power provides electricity in a 26,000-square-mile electric service territory located in northeastern Minnesota. Minnesota Power supplies retail electric service to 141,000 customers, wholesale electric service to 16 municipalities, and some of the largest industrial customers in the United States. More information can be found at: www.mnpower.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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