



Shareholder Services
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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION OF TAXPAYER ID NUMBER SUBSTITUTE FORM W-9

Your Social Security number or taxpayer identification number is printed on this form exactly the way it appears on our records for your new shareholder account. Under federal law you are required to provide us with the correct taxpayer ID number for every new shareholder account you establish on our records. This means that if you were a previous shareholder who simply changed or corrected the registration of your stock, you now have a new shareholder account on our records; and you are required to provide us with the correct taxpayer ID number for your new account. If no number appears on your form, or if the number is incorrect, you will be subject to backup withholding at a 31 percent rate on your dividends, unless the form provided below is returned to us.

CHECK YOUR TAXPAYER ID NUMBER CAREFULLY, AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

- IF YOUR ACCOUNT DOES NOT HAVE A TAXPAYER ID NUMBER, OR IF IT IS INCORRECT, enter your correct number, sign, date, and return this form. Failure to provide your correct taxpayer identification number will result in 31 percent withholding of your dividends.
- IF YOUR TAXPAYER ID NUMBER IS CORRECT, you must still sign, date, and return this form.
- IF YOUR ACCOUNT IS JOINTLY OWNED, circle the name of the person whose number is being certified.

NOTE: Only one Social Security or taxpayer identification number can be used for one account. If you have more than one account, you must sign, date, and complete a form for each account.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT BACKUP WITHHOLDING,
 PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TAX CONSULTANT OR THE IRS.**

Also printed on this form is the stock registration and address for your account. Check this information carefully too! If any part is incorrect, call or write us so proper steps can be taken to make corrections.

Failure to sign and return this form will result in 31 percent withholding of your dividends.

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Substitute Form W-9	Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification	Send this form to ALLETE. Do NOT send to IRS.
Please print or type	Name	
	Address (number and street)	
	City, state, and ZIP code	

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate Box. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN).

Social Security Number								
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Employer Identification Number								
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For detail, see reverse side.

CIRCLE the name of the person whose number you provide.

Certification: Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- (1) The number shown on this form is my correct Taxpayer Identification Number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- (2) I am not subject to backup withholding either because I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding.

Please Sign Here	Signature ➔ _____	Date ➔ _____
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