

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) - JANUARY 23, 2002

ALLETE, 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) 279-5000

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

Reference is made to the 2000 Form 10-K of ALLETE, Inc. (ALLETE) for background information on the following update.

Ref. Page 37 - Executive Officers of the Registrant
Ref. 8-K dated and filed August 29, 2001

On January 23, 2003 the ALLETE Board of Directors elected David Gartzke to the positions of chairman of the board and chief executive officer of ALLETE. Mr. Gartzke retains his current title as president of ALLETE.

Arend Sandbulte stepped down from the position of chairman of the board and will be retiring from the board in May 2002 pursuant to the board's retirement policy.

ALLETE Form 8-K dated January 25, 2002

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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.

January 25, 2002

James K. Vizanko

James K. Vizanko
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
and Treasurer