

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>WELTY CLAUDIA SCOTT</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALLETE INC [ALE]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr. VP Support & CAO</u>			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/08/2005</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						
(Street)	<u>DULUTH</u>	<u>MN</u>	<u>55802</u>						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/08/2005		M		2,169	A	\$25.08	6,750.76 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	03/08/2005		M		5,359	A	\$25.45	12,109.76	D	
Common Stock	03/08/2005		M		6,060	A	\$18.85	18,169.76	D	
Common Stock	03/08/2005		S		13,588	D	\$43.83	4,581.76	D	
Common Stock								2,788.79 ⁽²⁾	I	By RSOP Trust

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$25.08	03/08/2005		M		2,169	(3)	01/02/2008		Common Stock	2,169	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$25.45	03/08/2005		M		5,359	(4)	01/04/2009		Common Stock	5,359	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$18.85	03/08/2005		M		6,060	(5)	01/03/2010		Common Stock	6,060	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan and ALLETE's employee stock purchase plan, and is based on plan information available as of March 1, 2005.
- Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP) and is based on RSOP plan information available as of February 28, 2005.
- This option vested 50% on January 2, 1999 and 50% on January 2, 2000.
- This option vested 50% on January 4, 2000 and 50% on January 4, 2001.
- This option vested 50% on January 3, 2001 and 50% on January 3, 2002.

Remarks:

Ingrid K. Johnson for Claudia 03/10/2005
R. Scott Welty

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

**** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).**

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