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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Gartzke David G.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLETE (ALE)			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chairman, President & CEO		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 30 West Superior Street			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 2/3/02		
(Street) Duluth, MN 55802			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 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	2/3/03		A		2413.48	A				
Common Stock	2/3/03		F		5098.61	D				
Common Stock	1/29/03		G	V	2183.62	D		48454.96 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock								20592.54 ⁽²⁾	I	By RSOP Trust
Common Stock								10	I	By Spouse

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).

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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 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	20.51	2/3/03		A		74219		see below ⁽³⁾	2/3/13	Common Stock	74219		74219	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes shares acquired through the vesting of dividend rights in tandem with the partial vesting of a previously-reported stock grant.

(2) Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan, and is based on plan information available as of February 3, 2003.

(3) The option vests annually, 50% in 2004 and 50% in 2005.

By: /s/ **Philip R. Halverson**
Philip R. Halverson for David G. Gartzke
**Signature of Reporting Person

February 5, 2003
Date

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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