

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) - AUGUST 5, 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 AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On August 5, 2002 ALLETE, Inc. filed completed and signed sworn statements under oath by its principal executive officer and principal financial officer pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These sworn statements are filed as exhibits 99(a) and 99(b) to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

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99(a) - Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings dated August 5, 2002 and signed by David G. Gartzke.

99(b) - Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings dated August 5, 2002 and signed by James K. Vizanko.

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.

August 5, 2002

James K. Vizanko

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

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ALLETE Form 8-K dated August 5, 2002

STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF  
PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER  
REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, David G. Gartzke, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of ALLETE, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
  - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with ALLETE's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
  - Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 of ALLETE;
  - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of ALLETE filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
  - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

David G. Gartzke  
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David G. Gartzke  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 5th day of  
August 2002.

Mary K. Johnson  
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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: Jan. 31, 2005

Date: August 5, 2002  
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State Seal]

MARY K. JOHNSON  
NOTARY PUBLIC - MINNESOTA  
My Commission Expires Jan. 31, 2005

STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF  
PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER  
REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, James K. Vizanko, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of ALLETE, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
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  - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

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

Date: August 5, 2002  
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Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 5th day of  
August 2002.

Mary K. Johnson  
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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: Jan. 31, 2005

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MARY K. JOHNSON  
NOTARY PUBLIC - MINNESOTA  
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