

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SHIPPAR DONALD J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLETE INC [ALE]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2012			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		
8 BELKNAP SHORES			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street)	WI	54880						
(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	02/23/2012		M		5,000	A	\$39.1	11,340	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2012		S		2,500	D	\$41.5	8,840	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2012		S		2,500	D	\$41.69 ⁽¹⁾	6,340	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2012		M		5,000	A	\$39.1	11,340	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2012		S		2,400	D	\$41.8	8,940	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2012		S		100	D	\$41.83	8,840	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2012		S		2,500	D	\$41.95	6,340	D	
Common Stock								23,554	I	By 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)	\$39.1	02/23/2012		M			5,000	(2)	05/01/2013	Common Stock	5,000	\$0	23,088	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$39.1	02/24/2012		M			5,000	(2)	05/01/2013	Common Stock	5,000	\$0	18,088	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions ranging from \$41.66 to \$41.73, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to ALLETE, Inc., any security holder of ALLETE, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
- The option grant provided for vesting in three equal installments on February 1, 2009, February 1, 2010, and February 1, 2011, respectively. By the grant's terms, any remaining unvested options became exercisable upon the reporting person's May 1, 2010 retirement.

Remarks:

Ingrid K. Johnson for Donald J. Shippar 02/27/2012

** 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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