FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) ALLETE (ALE) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner Johnson Peter J. 3. I.R.S. Identification Number _Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Statement for of Reporting Person, Month/Day/Year 302 South Hoover Road 1/31/03 if an entity (voluntary) PO Box 1007 (Street) 5. If Amendment, 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Date of Original **X** Form filed by One Reporting Person Virginia, MN 55792 (Month/Day/Year) 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 2. Trans-2A. Deemed 3. Trans-4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) 5. Amount of 6. Owner-7. Nature of Indirect ship Form: Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 3) Execution action Code (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) Securities action Date Date, Instr. 8) Beneficially Direct (D) Instr. 4) (Month/ Day if any Code Amount (A) Price Owned Followor Indirect (I) Year) Month/Day/ ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 4) or Year) (Instr. 3 & 4) (D) 1/31/03 1300 31564.487 D Common Stock Α Α

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

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Explanation of Responses:

By: /s/ Philip R. Halverson Philip R. Halverson for Peter J. Johnson

February 3, 2003 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

**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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