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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hodnik Alan R</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET (Street) DULUTH MN 55802 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALLETE INC [ALE]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chairman, President & CEO</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/13/2018</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,000 | D | \$75.7 ⁽²⁾ | 67,684.25 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2018 | | G | V | 160 | D | \$0 | 67,524.25 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 218.21 ⁽⁴⁾ | 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) | | 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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 14, 2018.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$75.28 to \$75.87, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to ALLETE, any security holder of ALLETE, or the staff of the Securities Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range provided above.
- Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's employee stock purchase plan, the dividend reinvestment feature of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan, and the dividend equivalent feature of restricted stock grants pursuant to ALLETE's executive long-term incentive compensation plan, all based on plan information available as of September 1, 2018.
- Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions pursuant to ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP) and is based on RSOP plan information available as of September 1, 2018.

Remarks:

Ingrid K. Johnson for Alan R. Hodnik 09/14/2018

** 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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