FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  LUDLOW MADELEINE W						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLETE INC [ ALE ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
LUDLU											X Director		ctor	10% Owner		wner					
(Last) 7506 MU	(Last) (First) (Middle) 7506 MUCHMORE CLOSE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2012										er (give title w)	Other (specify below)			
(Chrosh)							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) CINCINNATI OH 45243														X Form filed by One Reporting Person					on		
					-										Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)																					
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
Di					(Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)		(A) oi 3, 4 a	4 and Sed Bed Ow		ount of ities icially d Following	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	.	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(111301. 4)		
Common													13,937.16		D						
Common Stock 03/0						03/01/2012					200		D	\$41.79		1,800		I		By Trust	
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transactio Code (Instr 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)				ivative urity tr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	(D) irect	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adoped by the reporting person on December 14, 2011.

## Remarks:

Ingrid K. Johnson for Madeleine W. Ludlow 03/02/2012

\*\* 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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