## FORM 4

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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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 Brekken Kathleen A. 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 32057 - 64th Avenue 2/3/03 if an entity (voluntary) PO Box 20 (Street) 5. If Amendment, 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Date of Original **X** Form filed by One Reporting Person Cannon Falls, MN 55009 (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 Execution action Code (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) Securities (Instr. 3) 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) 2/3/03 12869.11 D Common Stock Α 708.05 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)

| 1. Title of | 2. Conver- | 3.             | 3A.           | 4.                     |   | 5. Number of D    | 6. Date              |         | 7. Ti   | tle and Amount | 8. Price of | 9. Number of   | 10.          | 11. Nature  |           |
|-------------|------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| Derivative  | sion or    | Trans-         | Deemed        | Trans                  | - | Securities Acqu   | Exercisable          |         | of Ui   | nderlying      | Derivative  | Derivative     | Owner-       | of Indirect |           |
| Security    | Exercise   | action         | Execution     | action Disposed of (D) |   |                   | and Expiration       |         | Secu    | rities         | Security    | Securities     | ship         | Beneficial  |           |
|             | Price of   | Date           | Date,         | Code                   |   |                   |                      | Date    |         | (Inst          | r. 3 & 4)   | (Instr. 5)     | Beneficially | Form        | Ownership |
| (Instr. 3)  | Derivative |                |               |                        |   | (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) | (Month/Day/<br>Year) |         |         |                | Owned       | of             | (Instr. 4)   |             |           |
| l'          | Security   |                |               | (Instr.                | : |                   |                      |         |         |                | Following   | Deriv-         |              |             |           |
|             |            |                | Day/<br>Year) | 8)                     |   |                   |                      |         |         |                |             |                | Reported     | ative       |           |
|             |            | [ <sup>1</sup> |               | · ·                    |   |                   |                      |         |         |                |             | Transaction(s) | Security:    |             |           |
|             |            |                |               |                        |   |                   |                      |         |         |                |             | (Instr. 4)     | Direct       |             |           |
|             |            |                |               |                        |   |                   |                      |         |         |                |             |                | (D)          |             |           |
|             |            |                |               | Code                   | V | (A)               | (D)                  | Date    | Expira- | Title          | Amount or   |                |              | or          |           |
|             |            |                |               |                        |   |                   |                      | Exer-   | tion    |                | Number of   |                |              | Indirect    |           |
|             |            |                |               |                        |   |                   |                      | cisable | Date    |                | Shares      |                |              | (I)         |           |
|             |            |                |               |                        |   |                   |                      |         |         |                |             |                |              | (Instr. 4)  |           |
|             |            | 1              |               |                        | Ħ |                   |                      |         |         |                |             |                |              | <u> </u>    |           |
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Explanation of Responses:

# By: /s/ Philip R. Halverson

February 5, 2003 Date

Philip R. Halverson for Kathleen A. Brekken \*\*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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