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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] DeVinck Steven Q | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALLETE INC</u> [ALE] | (Check | ionship of Reporting Persor all applicable) Director Officer (give title | 10% Owner | | |
|--|---------|----------|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2013 | X | Officer (give title below) Controller & VP Bus. | Other (specify below) Support | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicabl Line) | | | | |
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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) | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---|---|--------|---------------|---------|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2013 | | М | | 1,756 | A | \$41.35 | 8,303.83 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2013 | | М | | 2,298 | A | \$39.1 | 10,601.83 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2013 | | S | | 452 | D | \$47.75 | 10,149.83 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2013 | | S | | 700 | D | \$47.71 | 9,448.83 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2013 | | S | | 48 | D | \$47.76 | 9,401.83 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2013 | | S | | 1,000 | D | \$47.72 | 8,401.83 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2013 | | S | | 1,854 | D | \$47.7 | 6,547.83 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 5,776.8 | 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. Transa Code (8) | | of Deri Seci Acq (A) o Disp of (E | osed)) tr. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/M | ate | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Rt. to Buy) | \$ 41.35 | 03/12/2013 | | М | | | 1,756 | (1) | 02/01/2015 | Common Stock | 1,756 | \$0 | 0 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Rt. to Buy) | \$39.1 | 03/12/2013 | | М | | | 2,298 | (2) | 02/01/2018 | Common Stock | 2,298 | \$0 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Option vested in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 1, 2006, one-third vested on February 1, 2007, and one-third vested on February 1, 2008.

2. Option vested in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 1, 2009, one-third vested on February 1, 2010, and one-third vested on February 1, 2011.

Remarks:

Ingrid K. Johnson for Steven <u>Q. DeVinck</u>

03/13/2013

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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