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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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obligations may continue. See
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addre	ss of Reporting Perso EBORAH A	n*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALLETE INC</u> [ALE]		tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director	n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2011	X	Officer (give title below) SrVP, Gen. Counsel &	Other (specify below) Secretary		
(Street) DULUTH	MN	55802	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			Person			

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. Transa Code (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 (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)
Common Stock	01/18/2011		A		1,329	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	5,685.4(1)	D	
Common Stock								7,961.22 ⁽²⁾	Ι	By RSOP Trust

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

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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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	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				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under the dividend reinvestment features of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan and pursuant to the dividend equivalent feature of restricted stock grants under ALLETE's executive long-term incentive compensation plan, both based on plan information available as of December 31, 2010

2. Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP) and is based on RSOP plan information available as of December 31, 2010.

Ingrid K. Johnson for Deborah 01/19/2011

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** 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).

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