

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>HITCHCOCK CAMERON</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) ADESA CORPORATION 310 EAST 96TH STREET, SUITE 400 _____ (Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46240 _____ (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2004		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALLETE INC [ ALE ]</u>	
			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer ADESA		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,000	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Cameron C. Hitchcock

01/20/2004

\*\* 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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Philip R. Halverson, Ingrid K. Johnson, Christopher D. Anderson, Lyssa S. Supinski, and Steven w. Tyacke, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of ALLETE, Inc. (Company), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with the instructions thereon;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, 4, or 5, including the preparation, filing, and recording of any such documents;

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, and proper to carry out the foregoing purposes, and to execute and deliver all instruments, documents, and papers which may be necessary or proper to carry out the foregoing purposes, and to execute and deliver all instruments, documents, and papers which may be necessary or proper to carry out the foregoing purposes, and to execute and deliver all instruments, documents, and papers which may be necessary or proper to carry out the foregoing purposes.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, and proper to carry out the foregoing purposes, and to execute and deliver all instruments, documents, and papers which may be necessary or proper to carry out the foregoing purposes, and to execute and deliver all instruments, documents, and papers which may be necessary or proper to carry out the foregoing purposes, and to execute and deliver all instruments, documents, and papers which may be necessary or proper to carry out the foregoing purposes.

The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any liability for any acts or omissions of the undersigned, and that the undersigned is not releasing the undersigned from any liability for any acts or omissions of the undersigned.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's obligations under the Company's debt securities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 20th day January, 2004.

/s/ Cameron Hitchcock