FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LUDLOW MADELEINE W</u>                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |  |                  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>ALLETE INC</u> [ ALE ] |                 |                                                          |                                                             |                  |                                                                |                               |                                                                                                   | (Cr                            | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner |                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                   |                                                                    |          |  |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) 727 PARK AVENUE                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                              |  |                  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2016                     |                 |                                                          |                                                             |                  |                                                                |                               |                                                                                                   |                                |                                                                                               | er (give title                                                    | Othe                                                                                                                                               | Other (specify below)                                             |                                                                    |          |  |
| (Street) TERRAC PARK (City)                                                                                                                                                | Ol                                                                                                                                           |  | 75174<br>Zip)    |                                                                                 | 4. If           | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |                                                             |                  |                                                                |                               |                                                                                                   |                                |                                                                                               | Lin                                                               | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                                                                   |                                                                    |          |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                              |  |                  |                                                                                 |                 |                                                          |                                                             |                  |                                                                |                               |                                                                                                   |                                |                                                                                               |                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                   |                                                                    |          |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                              |  |                  |                                                                                 | Execution Date, |                                                          | 3.<br>Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securitie Disposed Co |                  | ies Acq<br>Of (D)                                              | uired ( <i>i</i><br>(Instr. 3 | A) or<br>, 4 and                                                                                  | Securi<br>Benefi               | cially<br>I Following                                                                         | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                                                                                  |                                                                   |                                                                    |          |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                              |  |                  |                                                                                 |                 |                                                          |                                                             | Code             | v                                                              | Amount                        | (A) or<br>(D)                                                                                     |                                | Price                                                                                         | Transa                                                            | action(s)<br>3 and 4)                                                                                                                              |                                                                   | (1134: 4)                                                          |          |  |
| Common Stock                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                              |  |                  |                                                                                 |                 |                                                          |                                                             |                  |                                                                |                               |                                                                                                   |                                |                                                                                               |                                                                   | 3,7                                                                                                                                                | 54.14(1)                                                          | D                                                                  |          |  |
| Common Stock                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                              |  |                  | 06/01/2017                                                                      |                 |                                                          |                                                             |                  | A                                                              |                               | 1,112.8                                                                                           | 88 A                           |                                                                                               | \$ <mark>0</mark>                                                 | 14,836.18                                                                                                                                          |                                                                   | I                                                                  | By 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) (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) |                                                                                                                                              |  | Execution if any | n Date, Transaction Code (Ins                                                   |                 |                                                          | on of                                                       |                  | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                               | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |                                |                                                                                               | 3. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>Instr. 5)                | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s<br>(Instr. 4)                          | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |          |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                              |  |                  | Code                                                                            | v               | (A)                                                      | (D)                                                         | Date<br>Exercisa |                                                                | Expiration<br>Date            | Title                                                                                             | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar | ber                                                                                           |                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                   |                                                                    |          |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions pursuant to the dividend equivalent feature of deferred stock awarded under ALLETE director stock plan, and is based on information available as of May 31, 2017.

## Remarks:

Ingrid K. Johnson for Madeleine W. Ludlow

06/01/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Data

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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