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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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* McMillan David J | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLETE INC [ALE] | | | | | | | | | | all app Direct Office | plicable) ctor er (give title | | Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify | |
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| (Last) 30 WEST | (Fii Γ SUPERIC | rst) (I | (Middle) | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/21/2013 | | | | | | | | | SVP External Affairs | | | | |
| (Street) DULUTI (City) | | | 55802 Zip) | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 3. Indiv Line) X | -, | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Tr | | | 2. Transa Date (Month/I | Day/Year) if | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Code | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | or 5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned | | ities Ficially (I d Following (I | | wnership n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Pric | e | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (111501.4) |
| Common Stock 01 | | | | 01/21 | 1/2013 | | | | A | | 805 | | A | \$ | 50 11,6 | | ,620.53 ⁽¹⁾ | | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8,6 | | B,697.43 ⁽²⁾ | | I | By RSOP Trust | | |
| | | Та | ble II - D | | | | | | | | sed of, onvertib | | | | | wned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | n of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | str. 3 | Deri Sec | erivative ecurity estr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | F C | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | Ame or Nun of Sha | ber | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's employee stock purchase plan, the dividend reinvestment feature of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan, and the dividend equivalent feature of restricted stock granted under ALLETE's executive long-term incentive compensation plan, all based on plan information available as of January 1, 2013.
- 2. Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP), based on RSOP plan information available as of January 1, 2013.

Remarks:

Ingrid K. Johnson for David J. **McMillan**

01/23/2013

** 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).
- ** 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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