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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SHIPPAR DONALD J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET</u> (Street) <u>DULUTH MN 55802</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALLETE INC [ALE]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X President & CEO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/10/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	03/10/2004		M		3,570	A	\$21.63	12,370.41	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2004		M		1,864	A	\$21.94	14,234.41	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2004		M		7,840	A	\$16.25	22,074.41	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2004		F		9,206	D	\$34.08	12,868.41	D	
Common Stock								9,748.15	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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
Employee Stk. Opt. - Rt. to Buy	\$21.63	03/10/2004		M			3,570	(1)	01/02/2008	Common Stock	3,570	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stk. Opt. - Rt. to Buy	\$21.94	03/10/2004		M			1,864		01/04/2000 01/04/2009	Common Stock	1,864	\$0	4,796	D	
Employee Stk. Opt. - Rt. to Buy	\$16.63	03/10/2004		M			7,840	(2)	01/03/2010	Common Stock	7,840	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 50% vested on January 2, 1999 and 50% vested on January 2, 2000.
- 2. 50% of the original option grant vested on January 3, 2001 and the other 50% vested on January 3, 2002.

Remarks:

Ingrid K. Johnson for Donald J. Shippar 03/11/2004

** 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 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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