FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|   | d Address of   |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLETE INC [ ALE ] |   |  |  |                  |   |  |                                   |            |                            |           |   | ip of Reporting Person(s) to<br>plicable)<br>ctor 10% |   | (s) to Is  |   |   |                       |   |
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| (Last)  | Last) (First) (Middle) 27 PARK AVENUE  |  |  |   |  |  |                  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/06/2015 |  |                                   |            |                            |           |   |   |   |  | er (give title<br>v)  |   | Other (specify below) |   |
| (Street) TERRACE PARK OH 45174  (City) (State) (Zip)          |  |  |  |   | 4. If  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |                  |   |  |                                   |            |                            |           |   |   | 3. Indiv<br>₋ine)<br>X                      | Forn   | or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>m filed by One Reporting Person<br>m filed by More than One Reporting<br>son |   |                       |   |
| (City)  | (5)  |  | e I - Noi  | n-Deriv   | ative  | Se   | curiti           | es Ac   | auire  | 1. D                              | isn        | osed o                     | f. O      | r Be  | nefic   | ially                                       | Owne   | -d  |   |                       |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date) |  |  |  |   |  | ction 2A. Deem   |                  |   | 3.<br>Tran<br>Cod  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |            | 4. Securities Acquired (A) |           |   | ed (A) o  | A) or 5. A<br>, 4 and See<br>Be             |  | ount of<br>ities<br>icially<br>d 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) |
|   |  |  |  |   |  |  | Cod              | e V   |  | Amount                            | (A) or (D) |                            | r<br>Pric | е   | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)        |   |  |   | (1130.4)  |                       |   |
| Common  | Stock  |  |  |   |  |  |                  |   |  |                                   |            |                            |           |   | 3,518.95(1)   |   |  |   |   |                       |   |
| Common  | Stock  | 5/2015   | 2015   |   |  | <b>S</b> (2  | S <sup>(2)</sup> |   | 296  |                                   | D          | \$                         | \$50      |   | 15,334.13 <sup>(2)</sup>                              |   |  | By Trust  |   |                       |   |
| Common Stock 08/06/2  |  |  |  |   |  | 2015   |                  |   | S <sup>(2</sup>  |                                   |            | 104                        |           | D   | \$50  | \$50.02                                     |  | 15,230.13 <sup>(2)</sup>  |   |                       | By Trust  |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |   |  |  |                  |   |  |                                   |            |                            |           |   |   |   |  |   |   |                       |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)    Month/Day/Year   Secutification (Month/Day/Year)   Secutification (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4)   Secutificat |  | vative<br>urities<br>uired<br>or<br>oosed<br>o)<br>tr. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Exercisable Expiration Date |  |                  |   | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount or Numbe of Title Shares |                                   |            | nt<br>er                   |           | 9. Number o<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactioni<br>(Instr. 4) | Own<br>Forn<br>Direc<br>or In<br>(I) (Ir              | ership<br>i:<br>et (D)<br>direct<br>str. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |   |                       |   |

## 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 June 1, 2015.
- 2. The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 25, 2015.

## Remarks:

<u>Ingrid K. Johnson for</u> <u>Madeleine W. Ludlow</u>

08/07/2015

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

son Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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