

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>EVANS DENNIS E</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>11203 EAST HONEY MESQUITE DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>SCOTTSDALE AZ 85262</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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/19/2004</u>	
		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 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	02/19/2004		F		6,333	D	\$31.75	21,810.93	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2004		M		1,450	A	\$14.31	23,260.93	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2004		M		1,450	A	\$13.69	24,710.93	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2004		M		1,450	A	\$21.63	26,160.93	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2004		M		1,500	A	\$21.94	27,660.93	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2004		M		1,500	A	\$16.25	29,160.93	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2004		M		1,500	A	\$23.63	30,660.93	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2004		M		1,418	A	\$25.68	32,078.93	D	

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
Stock Opt - Rt to Buy	\$14.31	02/19/2004		M			1,450	(1)	01/02/2006	Common Stock	1,450	\$0	0	D	
Stock Opt - Rt to Buy	\$13.69	02/19/2004		M			1,450	(2)	01/02/2007	Common Stock	1,450	\$0	0	D	
Stock Opt - Rt to Buy	\$21.63	02/19/2004		M			1,450	(3)	01/02/2008	Common Stock	1,450	\$0	0	D	
Stock Opt - Rt to Buy	\$21.94	02/19/2004		M			1,500	(4)	01/04/2009	Common Stock	1,500	\$0	0	D	
Stock Opt - Rt to Buy	\$16.25	02/19/2004		M			1,500	(5)	01/03/2010	Common Stock	1,500	\$0	0	D	
Stock Opt - Rt to Buy	\$23.63	02/19/2004		M			1,500	(6)	01/02/2011	Common Stock	1,500	\$0	0	D	
Stock Opt - Rt to Buy	\$25.68	02/19/2004		M			1,418	(7)	01/02/2012	Common Stock	1,418	\$0	82	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 50% vested on January 2, 1997 and 50% vested on January 2, 1998.
- 2. 50% vested on January 2, 1998 and 50% vested on January 2, 1999.
- 3. 50% vested on January 2, 1999 and 50% vested on January 2, 2000.

4. 50% vested on January 4, 2000 and 50% vested on January 4, 2001.
5. 50% vested on January 3, 2001 and 50% vested on January 3, 2002.
6. 50% vested on January 2, 2002 and 50% vested on January 2, 2003.
7. 50% vested on January 2, 2003 and 50% vested on January 2, 2004.

Remarks:

Philip R. Halverson for Dennis
E. Evans

02/23/2004

** 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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