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#### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Instruction 1(b).

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1 Indiric and Address of Reporting Leson			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALLETE INC</u> [ ALE ]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) 917 4TH AVE	(First) NUE NORTH WES	(Middle) ST	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2012		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
(Street) GRAND RAPIDS	MN	55744	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

#### 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)			4. Securities A Disposed Of ( 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(iiisti: 4)
Common Stock	06/01/2012		Α		1,543.61	Α	\$0	12 <b>,</b> 892.49 <sup>(1)</sup>	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. Transa Code ( 8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D)	posed D) str. 3, 4		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)	Ownership Form: Direct (D)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under the dividend reinvestment feature of ALLETE's stock purchase plan and dividend reinvestment plan and the dividend equivalent feature of a deferred stock award under ALLETE's nonemployee director compensation deferral plan, and all based on plan information available as of June 1, 2012.

Ingrid K. Johnson for James J. 06/

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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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