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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SHIPPAR DONALD J						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLETE INC [ ALE ]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2007									Officer (give title below)		Other (s below)	pecity	
																Chairman, President & CEO				
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
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(City) (State) (Zip)					-											Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					saction		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Trans	3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amou Securitie Benefici Owned F	nt of es ally Following	Form (D) or	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Pr		Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3	tion(s)		1	Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 01/31/						2007			A		1,641.	35	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	13,7	13,786.77		D		
Common Stock														7,36	7,365.71(1)		I 1	Зу RSOP Гrust		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transa Code (l 8)		of		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		9	of Secu Underly Derivat	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 (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	or Ni of	umber						
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$48.65	02/21/2007			A		19,125		(2)	(	02/01/2017	Commo	on 19	9,125	\$0	19,125	5	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP) and is based on RSOP plan information available as of February 1, 2007.
- 2. The option vests in three equal installments: one on each of the first, second and third anniversary of the grant date.

## Remarks:

<u>Ingrid K. Johnson for Donald J.</u> <u>Shippar</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

02/02/2007

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Date

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

- $^{\ast}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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