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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Smith Nick	2. Issuer Na ALLETE	ame and Tick (ALE)	ker or Tra	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 747 Sellwood Building 202 West Superior Street	of Reportin	lentification N ng Person, (voluntary)	Jumber		atement for hth/Day/Year /03	100	Director % Owner Officer (give t her (specify bo		
(Street) Duluth, MN 55802				Date	Amendment, e of Original nth/Day/Year)	(Cl X l Per	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)	Tab	le I Non-D	erivative	Secu	rities Acquired, Disp	oseo	d of, or Benef	icially Owned	
1. Title of 2. Trans- 2A. Deemed Security action Execution Date, (Month/ Day/ Year) (Month/Day/ Year)	3. Transaction Cod (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securitie (A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4) Amount	osed of (& 5)	D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	S]	ship Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 3/31/03	A	907.00	A		14046.93	(1)(2)	D		
Common Stock						50	I	By Spouse	
Common Stock					2	000	I	By IRA Trust	
Common Stock					206	60 (2)	I	Keogh Plan	

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

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially **Owned**

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

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1. Title of	2. Conver-	3.	3A.	4.	5.	. 6. Date Exercisable		7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature	
Derivative	sion or	Trans-	Deemed	Trans-	· N	umb	perand Expiration		Amo	unt of	Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	of Indirect
Security	Exercise	action	Execution	action	oi		Date			rlying	Security	Securities	ship	Beneficial
	Price of	Date	Date,	Code	D	Derivati (M onth/Day/			Secui	rities	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Form	Ownership
(Instr. 3)	Derivative		if any		S	Securitie (Sear)			(Instr	. 3 & 4)		Owned	of Deriv-	(Instr. 4)
	Security	(Month/	(Month/	(Instr.	Α	Acquired						Following	ative	
		Day/	Day/	8)	(A	A) or						Reported	Security:	
		Year)	Year)		D	Disposed						Transaction(s)	Direct	
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					5)							(Instr. 4)	
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										of				
										Shares				
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes shares acquired in an exempt transaction under the dividend reinvestment feature of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan.

(2) Reflects 1,550 shares transferred by reporting person from an investment account to a Keogh Plan for the benefit of the reporting person.

By: /s/ Philip R. Halverson
Philip R. Halverson for Nick Smith

April 1, 2003

Date

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.

If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

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^{**}Signature of Reporting Person