#### JOHNSON PETER J

Form 4

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## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JOHNSON PETER J			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLETE INC [ALE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)  302 SOUTH HOOVER ROAD, PO BOX 1007		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
		OAD, PO	(Month/Day/Year) 11/30/2004	XDirector10% OwnerOfficer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
VIDCINIA N	IN 55702		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
VIRGINIA, MN 55792				Person		

#### VIRGINIA, MN 55792

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivati	ve Sec	urities A	cquired, Dispose	d of, or Bene	ficially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			Securities Ownership Beneficially Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	11/30/2004		M	1,250	A	\$ 16.6	14,903.84 (1)	D	
Common Stock	11/30/2004		M	1,250	A	\$ 15.88	16,153.84	D	
Common Stock	11/30/2004		M	1,250	A	\$ 25.08	17,403.84	D	
Common Stock	11/30/2004		M	1,293	A	\$ 25.45	18,696.84	D	
Common Stock	11/30/2004		M	1,293	A	\$ 18.85	19,989.84	D	

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Common Stock	11/30/2004	M	1,293	A	\$ 27.4	21,282.84	D	
Common Stock	11/30/2004	M	1,293	A	\$ 29.79	22,575.84	D	
Common Stock	11/30/2004	M	646	A	\$ 26.91	23,221.84	D	
Common Stock						109.64 (1)	I	By Spouse as Custodian for Minor Grandchildren

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.6	11/30/2004		M	1,250 (2)	(3)	01/02/2006	Common Stock	1,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.88	11/30/2004		M	1,250 (4)	(5)	01/02/2007	Common Stock	1,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.08	11/30/2004		M	1,250 ( <u>6)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	01/02/2008	Common Stock	1,250
Stock Option (Right to	\$ 25.45	11/30/2004		M	1,293 (8)	<u>(9)</u>	01/04/2009	Common Stock	1,293

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Buy)								
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.85	11/30/2004	M	1,293 (10)	<u>(11)</u>	01/03/2010	Common Stock	1,293
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.4	11/30/2004	M	1,293 (12)	<u>(13)</u>	01/02/2011	Common Stock	1,293
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.79	11/30/2004	M	1,293 (14)	(15)	01/02/2012	Common Stock	1,293
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.91	11/30/2004	M	646 (16)	01/02/2004	01/02/2013	Common Stock	646

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
JOHNSON PETER J 302 SOUTH HOOVER ROAD	X						
PO BOX 1007 VIRGINIA, MN 55792							

## **Signatures**

Ingrid K. Johnson for Peter J.
Johnson

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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).
- Total shown reflects the one-for-three reverse stock split effective at 12:00 noon EDT on September 20, 2004 and includes shares

  (1) acquired in exempt transactions under the dividend reinvestment feature of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan and based on plan information as of November 1, 2004.
- (2) This option was previously reported as covering 1,450 shares at an exercise price of \$14.31 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (3) 50% vested January 2, 1997 and 50% vested January 2, 1998.
- This option was previously reported as covering 1,450 shares at an exercise price of \$13.69 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (5) 50% vested January 2, 1998 and 50% vested January 2, 1999.

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This option was previously reported as covering 1,450 shares at an exercise price of \$21.63 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.

- (7) 50% vested January 2, 1999 and 50% vested January 2, 2000.
- (8) This option was previously reported as covering 1,500 shares at an exercise price of \$21.94 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (9) 50% vested January 4, 2000 and 50% vested January 4, 2001.
- (10) This option was previously reported as covering 1,500 shares at an exercise price of \$16.25 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (11) 50% vested January 3, 2001 and 50% vested January 3, 2002.
- (12) This option was previously reported as covering 1,500 shares at an exercise price of \$23.63 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (13) 50% vested January 2, 2002 and 50% vested January 2, 2003.
- This option was previously reported as covering 1,500 shares at an exercise price of \$25.68 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (15) 50% vested January 2, 2003 and 50% vested January 2, 2004.
- This option was previously reported as covering 1,500 shares at an exercise price of \$23.20 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.

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