Holquist Laura A Form 4 January 10, 2005

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Holquist Laura A Issuer Symbol ALLETE INC [ALE] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify ALLETE PROPERTIES, INC., 4315 01/07/2005 below) METRO PARKWAY, SUITE 500 President ALLETE Properties (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting FORT MYERS, FL 33916 Person

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative :	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock							2,327.08 (1)	D	
Common Stock							1,012.22 (2)	I	By RSOP Trust
Common Stock	01/07/2005		S	100	D	\$ 38.48	1,135.27	I	By Spouse

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

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)			,	Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

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Reporting Owner Name / Address	•

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Holquist Laura A ALLETE PROPERTIES, INC. 4315 METRO PARKWAY, SUITE 500 FORT MYERS, FL 33916

President ALLETE Properties

## **Signatures**

Ingrid K. Johnson for Laura A. Holquist

01/10/2005

\*\*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).
- (1) Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under the dividend reinvestment features of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan and ALLETE's employee stock purchase plan and is based on plan information available as of December 31, 2004.
- (2) Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP). This information is based on a RSOP plan statement as of December 31, 2004.

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