

STENDER BRUCE W  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**STENDER BRUCE W**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
227 WEST FIRST STREET, SUITE 880  
  
(Street)  
  
DULUTH, MN 55802  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALLETE INC [ALE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/14/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	01/14/2005		M		1,250 A \$ 16.6	8,643.55 (1)	D
Common Stock	01/14/2005		M		1,250 A \$ 15.88	9,893.55	D
Common Stock	01/14/2005		M		1,293 A \$ 18.85	11,186.55	D
Common Stock	01/14/2005		F		1,588 D \$ 40.91	9,598.55	D

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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 16.6 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/14/2005		M	1,250 <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup> 01/02/2006	Common Stock	1,250
Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 15.88 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/14/2005		M	1,250 <sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup> 01/02/2007	Common Stock	1,250
Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 18.85 <sup>(6)</sup>	01/14/2005		M	1,293 <sup>(6)</sup>	<sup>(7)</sup> 01/03/2010	Common Stock	1,293

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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DULUTH, MN 55802

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## Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for Bruce W.  
Stender

01/17/2005

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

(4) 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.

(6) 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.

(7) 50% vested January 3, 2001 and 50% vested January 3, 2002.

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