MAYER GEORGE L

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MAYER GEORGE L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLETE INC [ALE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
178 MYRTLE BLVD., SUITE 103			(Month/Day/Year) 01/28/2005	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(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			
LARCHMONT, NY 10538				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

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(City)	(State) (Zip) 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	01/28/2005		Code V	Amount 189.42	(D)	Price \$ 0	(Instr. 3 and 4) 16,315.49 (1)	D			
Common Stock							166	I	By Spouse		
Common Stock							100	I	Spouse as Conservator		
Common Stock							83	I	Charitable Remainder Trust		
Common							133	I	Charitable		

Stock Annuity
Trust

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title a Amount Underly Securitie (Instr. 3	of ring es	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	lumber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MAYER GEORGE L 178 MYRTLE BLVD., SUITE 103 X LARCHMONT, NY 10538

Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for George L.
Mayer

02/01/2005

**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 feature of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan and is based on plan information available as of December 31, 2004.
- (2) By reporting person's spouse as conservator for family member in the same household as reporting person.

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