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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading McMillan David J 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 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET 02/03/2011 below) Sr VP Mktg, Reg. & Pub Affairs (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

DULUTH, MN 55802

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | ired, 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 (A) Transactiom Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price | | | | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 02/03/2011 | | A | 1,436.11 | A | \$ 0 | 8,288.57 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/03/2011 | | F | 529.93 | D | \$ 37.48 | 7,758.64 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 6,523.53 <u>(1)</u> | I | By RSOP 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | le and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
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| | | | | Codo V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |
| | | | | Code v | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McMillan David J 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET DULUTH, MN 55802

Sr VP Mktg, Reg. & Pub Affairs

Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for David J. McMillan

02/07/2011

**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 ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP) and is based on RSOP plan information available as of January 31, 2011.

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