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FORM 4

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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 02/03/2012 below) SVP External 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting **DULUTH, MN 55802** Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities oner Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 a	l of (D	` ′	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	02/03/2012		A	2,094.42	A	\$0	11,523.81	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2012		F	1,226.91	D	\$ 42.05	10,296.9	D	
Common Stock							7,692.1 <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. 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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					4, and 5)						
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				Code V	(A) (D)			,	Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
.	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
McMillan David J			SVP				
30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET			External				
DULUTH, MN 55802			Affairs				

Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for David J.
McMillan

02/07/2012

**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 February 1, 2012.

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