SHIPPAR DONALD J

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SHIPPAR DONALD J			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 an approache)		
30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2006	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President & CEO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
DULUTH, MI	N 55802		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			of (D)	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)
_			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/21/2006		M	1,614	A	\$ 25.45	13,759.42	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		M	5,290	A	\$ 27.4	19,049.42	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		M	3,609	A	\$ 23.79	22,658.42	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S	10,513	D	\$ 45.44	12,145.42	D	
Common Stock							6,812.52	I	By RSOP Trust

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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 on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 25.45 (1)	02/21/2006		M	1,614 (1)	(2)	01/04/2009	Common Stock	1,614
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 27.4 (3)	02/21/2006		M	5,290 (3)	<u>(4)</u>	01/02/2011	Common Stock	5,290
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 23.79 (5)	02/21/2006		M	3,609 (<u>5)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	02/03/2013	Common Stock	3,609

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SHIPPAR DONALD J 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET	X		Chairman, President & CEO				
DULUTH, MN 55802							

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Ingrid K. Johnson for Donald J.
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02/23/2006

**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) This option was previously reported as covering 6,660 shares at an exercise price of \$21.94 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., and the reverse stock split on September 20, 2004.
- (2) This option vested in two equal installments, 50% on January 4, 2000 and 50% on January 4, 2001.
- (3) This option was previously reported as covering 6,136 shares at an exercise price of \$23.63 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., and the reverse stock split on September 20, 2004.
- (4) This option vested in two equal installments, 50% on January 2, 2002 and 50% on January 2, 2003.
- (5) This option was previously reported as covering 8,371 shares at an exercise price of \$25.68 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., and the reverse stock split on September 20, 2004.
- (6) This option vested in two equal installments, 50% on February 3, 2004 and 50% on February 3, 2005.

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