

ALLETE INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**SHIPPAR DONALD J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET**  
  
(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)  
**02/11/2005**

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)  
**President & CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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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	02/11/2005		M		2,521	A	\$ 25.45	8,148.7	D	
Common Stock	02/11/2005		M		3,608	A	\$ 23.79	11,756.7	D	
Common Stock	02/11/2005		F		4,478	D	\$ 40.91	7,278.7	D	
Common Stock								6,256.55	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 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
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 25.45 <u>(1)</u>	02/11/2005		M	2,521 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	01/04/2009	Common Stock	2,521
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 23.79 <u>(3)</u>	02/11/2005		M	3,608 <u>(3)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	02/03/2013	Common Stock	3,608

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for Donald J. Shippar  
02/14/2005

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) 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 reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., 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 8,371 shares at an exercise price of \$25.68 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.
- (4) This option vested in two equal installments, 50% on February 3, 2004 and 50% on February 3, 2005.

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