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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Adams Robert John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ALLETE INC [ALE]

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET

(Street)

01/21/2013

below) VP Bus. Dev; Chief Risk Ofcr

(Check all applicable)

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

Person

DULUTH, MN 55802

(State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

D

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s)

 $10,197.52 \frac{(2)}{2}$

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 01/21/2013 Stock

A 604 Α \$0 4,976.19 (1)

Common Stock

By RSOP Trust

SEC 1474

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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)

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						Exercisable Date	Title Number				
				C 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer 10% Owner Other Director

VP Bus. Adams Robert John 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET Dev; Chief **DULUTH, MN 55802** Risk Ofcr

Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for Robert J. 01/23/2013 Adams

**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).
- Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's employee stock purchase plan, the dividend reinvestment feature of (1) ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan, and the dividend equivalent feature of restricted stock granted under
- ALLETE's executive long-term incentive compensation plan, all based on plan information available as of January 1, 2013.
- Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP), based on RSOP plan information available as of January 1, 2013.

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