

ALLETE INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SMITH NICK

(Last) (First) (Middle)

747 SELLWOOD BUILDING, 202  
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)  
05/25/2005

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)

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	05/25/2005		M	483 A \$ 25.08	3,819.3 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/25/2005		M	500 A \$ 25.45	4,319.3	D	
Common Stock	05/25/2005		M	500 A \$ 27.4	4,819.3	D	
Common Stock	05/25/2005		M	833 A \$ 29.79	5,652.3	D	
Common Stock	05/25/2005		M	292 A \$ 35.04	5,944.3	D	

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Common Stock	05/25/2005	M	1,000	A	\$ 26.91	6,944.3	D	
Common Stock	05/25/2005	S	3,608	D	\$ 46.9	3,336.3	D	
Common Stock						16.67	I	By Spouse
Common Stock						666.67	I	By IRA Trust
Common Stock						1,815 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Keogh Plan

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
Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 25.08 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/25/2005		M	483 <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup> 01/02/2008	Common Stock	483
Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 25.45 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/25/2005		M	500 <sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup> 01/04/2009	Common Stock	500
Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 27.4 <sup>(6)</sup>	05/25/2005		M	500 <sup>(6)</sup>	<sup>(7)</sup> 01/02/2011	Common Stock	500
Stock Option -	\$ 29.79 <sup>(8)</sup>	05/25/2005		M	833 <sup>(8)</sup>	<sup>(9)</sup> 01/02/2012	Common Stock	833

Right to  
Buy

Stock

Option - Right to Buy	\$ 35.04 (10)	05/25/2005	M	292 (10)	(9)	05/14/2012	Common Stock	292
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Stock

Option - Right to Buy	\$ 26.91 (11)	05/25/2005	M	1,000 (11)	(12)	01/02/2013	Common Stock	1,000
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH NICK 747 SELLWOOD BUILDING 202 WEST SUPERIOR STREET DULUTH, MN 55802	X			

## Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for Nick Smith	05/27/2005
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\_\_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) Reflects 825 shares transferred by reporting person from an investment account to a Keogh Plan for the benefit of reporting person.
- (2) This option was previously reported as covering 1,450 shares at an exercise price of \$21.63 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.
- (3) The option will vest 50% on January 2, 2009 and 50% on January 2, 2010.
- (4) This option was previously reported as covering 1,500 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.
- (5) The option vested 50% on January 2, 2000 and 50% on January 2, 2001.
- (6) This option was previously reported as covering 1,500 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.
- (7) The option vested 50% on January 3, 2002 and 50% on January 3, 2003.
- (8) This option was previously reported as covering 2,500 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.
- (9) This option vested 50% on January 2, 2003 and 50% on January 2, 2004.
- (10) This option was previously reported as covering 875 shares at an exercise price of \$30.21 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.
- (11) This option was previously reported as covering 3,000 shares at an exercise price of \$23.20 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.

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(12) This option vested 50% on January 2, 2004 and 50% on January 2, 2005.

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