

Adams Robert John
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Adams Robert John

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)
 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/21/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP Bus. Dev; Chief Risk Ofcr

DULUTH, MN 55802
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	01/21/2013		A		604	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					4,976.19 ⁽¹⁾	D	
					10,197.52 ⁽²⁾	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Adams Robert John 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET DULUTH, MN 55802			VP Bus. Dev; Chief Risk Ofcr	

Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for Robert J. Adams

 **Signature of Reporting Person

01/23/2013

 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.
 (2) 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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