

McMillan David J  
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 \*  
McMillan David 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)  
08/15/2012

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)  
SVP External Affairs

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 or Price		
Common Stock	08/15/2012		M		1,931 A \$ 23.79	12,509.69 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	08/15/2012		S		1,331 D \$ 41.1	11,178.69	D
Common Stock	08/15/2012		S		200 D \$ 41.11	10,978.69	D
Common Stock	08/15/2012		S		300 D \$ 41.12	10,678.69	D
Common Stock	08/15/2012		S		100 D \$ 41.15	10,578.69	D



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Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's employee stock purchase plan, the dividend reinvestment features of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan, and the dividend equivalent feature of restricted stock grants under ALLETE's executive long-term incentive compensation plan, all based on plan information available as of July 31, 2012.

- (2) Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP) and is based on RSOP plan information available as of July 31, 2012.
- (3) The option vested in equal installments on February 3, 2004 and February 3, 2005.

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