ALLETE INC Form 4 January 05, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **LUDLOW MADELEINE W**

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

ALLETE INC [ALE]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2012

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

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

CINCINNATI, OH 45243

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secui	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	ed of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock							15,837.16 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2012		S(2)	100	D	\$ 41.89	400	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/03/2012		S(2)	100	D	\$ 41.91	300	I	By 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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships						
Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
X						
		Director 10% Owner	Director 10% Owner Officer			

Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for Madeleine W. 01/05/2012 Ludlow

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Date

- Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under the dividend reinvestment feature of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan and is based on plan information available as of December 31, 2011. Also reflects a change in the form of beneficial ownership with respect to 500 shares previously held directly and now held by a revocable trust for which the reporting person is the trustee.
- The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 14, **(2)**

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