

SHIPPAR DONALD 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 \*  
SHIPPAR DONALD J

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)  
8 BELKNAP SHORES  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/13/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

SUPERIOR, WI 54880

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

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

**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	06/13/2012		M		2,500 A \$ 39.1	4,280.81	D
Common Stock	06/13/2012		S		2,200 D \$ 40.85	2,080.81	D
Common Stock	06/13/2012		S		300 D \$ 40.86	1,790.81	D
Common Stock	06/14/2012		M		7,500 A \$ 39.1	9,290.81	D
Common Stock	06/14/2012		S		2,500 D \$ 41.05	6,790.81	D
	06/14/2012		S		100 D	6,690.81	D

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Common Stock						\$ 40.96		
Common Stock	06/14/2012	S	2,500	D		\$ 40.95	4,190.81	D
Common Stock	06/14/2012	S	600	D		\$ 40.94	3,590.81	D
Common Stock	06/14/2012	S	1,800	D		\$ 40.93	1,790.81	D
Common Stock							28,104	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)

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 (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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.1	06/13/2012		M	2,500	<u>(1)</u> 05/01/2013	Common Stock	2,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.1	06/14/2012		M	7,500	<u>(1)</u> 05/01/2013	Common Stock	7,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

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8 BELKNAP SHORES  
SUPERIOR, WI 54880

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## Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for Donald J.  
Shippar

06/14/2012

\_\_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).

The option grant provided for vesting in three equal installments on February 1, 2009, February 1, 2010, and February 1, 2011, (1) respectively. By the grant's terms, any remaining unvested options became exercisable upon the reporting person's May 1, 2010 retirement.

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