

Adams Robert John
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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

(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)
02/21/2013

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)

VP Bus. Dev; Chief Risk Ofcr

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	02/21/2013		M		2,889	A	\$ 37.76
Common Stock	02/21/2013		M		3,492	A	\$ 41.35
Common Stock	02/21/2013		S		6,381	D	\$ 46.32
Common Stock	02/22/2013		S		1,000	D	\$ 46.94
Common Stock							10,197.52
						I	By RSOP Trust

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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
Employee Stock Option (Rt. to Buy)	\$ 37.76	02/21/2013		M	2,889	<u>(1)</u> 02/02/2014	Common Stock	2,889
Employee Stock Option (Rt. to Buy)	\$ 41.35	02/21/2013		M	3,492	<u>(2)</u> 02/01/2015	Common Stock	3,492

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
		VP Bus. Dev; Chief Risk Ofcr	

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Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for Robert J. Adams

02/25/2013

__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) Option vested in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 2, 2005, one-third vested on February 2, 2006, and one-third vested on February 2, 2007.
- (2) Option vested in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 1, 2006, one-third vested on February 1, 2007, and one-third vested on February 1, 2008.

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