

SHIPPAR DONALD J
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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)
02/21/2012

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

SUPERIOR, WI 54880

(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		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	02/21/2012		M		5,000	A	\$ 39.1	11,340	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012		S		2,500	D	\$ 41.56	8,840	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012		S		2,500	D	\$ 41.65	6,340	D	
Common Stock								23,554	I	By 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 (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.1	02/21/2012		M	5,000	(1) 05/01/2013	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHIPPAR DONALD J 8 BELKNAP SHORES SUPERIOR, WI 54880		X		

Signatures

Christopher D. Anderson for Donald J. Shippar 02/22/2012

**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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