

THORP TIMOTHY J  
Form 4  
February 05, 2003

**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Thorp Timothy J.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>30 West Superior Street</b>  (Street) <b>Duluth, MN 55802</b>			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>ALLETE (ALE)</b>			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>VP Investor Relations/Corporate Communications</b>				
			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>2/3/03</b>					
					5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>							
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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	2/3/03		A		747.10			782.317 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								193.12 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Children
Common Stock								7546.64 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By RSOP Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion or	3. Trans-	3A. Deemed	4. Trans-	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Number of Derivative	10. Owner-	11. Nature of Indirect
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Security (Instr. 3)	Exercise Price of Derivative Security	action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	action Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		Date Month/Day/ Year	Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	ship Form of Deriv- ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(Instr. 3, 4 & 5)	(Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
<b>Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy</b>	<b>20.51</b>	<b>2/3/03</b>		<b>A</b>	<b>3869</b>		<b>see below<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>2/3/13</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>3869</b>		<b>3869</b>	<b>D</b>	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) 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 February 3, 2003.  
 (2) Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan, and is based on plan information available as of February 3, 2003.  
 (3) The option vests annually, 50% in 2004 and 50% in 2005.

By: /s/ **Ingrid K. Johnson**  
**Ingrid K. Johnson f/k/a Ingrid Kane-Johnson for**  
**Timothy J. Thorp**  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

**February 5, 2003**  
 Date

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 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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