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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hodnik Alan R		Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLETE INC [ALE]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Chaele all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				(Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner			
30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET			01/18/2011				XOfficer (give titleOther (specify below) President and CEO			
			I. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DULUTH,	MN 55802						Form filed by Person	y More than One I	Reporting	
(City)	(State) 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)	Code	4. SecurionAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (E))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	01/18/2011		A	3,019	A	\$0	12,087.04 (1)	D		
Common Stock							3,127.41 (2)	I	By RSOP Trust	
Common Stock							131.64 (3)	I	As Custodian for Children's Accounts	

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title a	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amount	of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ing	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securitie	es	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
	·				(A) or						Repo
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								of			
				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
coporting of mark remarks	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Hodnik Alan R 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET DULUTH, MN 55802	X		President and CEO				

Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for Alan R. 01/20/2011 Hodnik

**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).
- Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under the dividend reinvestment features of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend (1) reinvestment plan and ALLETE's employee stock purchase plan, and pursuant to the dividend equivalent feature of restricted stock grants under ALLETE's executive long-term incentive compensation plan, and is based on plan information available as of December 31, 2010.
- Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP) and is based on **(2)** RSOP plan information available as of December 31, 2010.
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