

Stellmaker Donald W
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Stellmaker Donald W

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET
 (Street)

DULUTH, MN 55803

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ALLETE INC [ALE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 06/02/2005

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)
 Treasurer

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	06/02/2005			M	741 A \$ 23.79	829.36 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	06/02/2005			S	741 D \$ 48.22	88.36	D
Common Stock						693.46	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. Date of Acquisition or Disposition (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	9. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 23.79 (2)	06/02/2005		M	741 (2)	02/03/2004 02/03/2013	Common Stock	741	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stellmaker Donald W 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET DULUTH, MN 55803			Treasurer	

Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for Donald W.
Stellmaker
Date: 06/03/2005

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) Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under the dividend reinvestment feature of ALLETE's employee stock purchase plan, and is based on plan information available as of June 1, 2005.
- (2) This option was previously reported as covering 860 shares at an exercise price of \$20.51 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., and the reverse stock split on September 20, 2004.

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