

AMBERG DEBORAH A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
AMBERG DEBORAH A

(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)  
11/08/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SrVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	11/08/2011		M		1,209	A	\$ 29.79	8,718.02 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	11/08/2011		M		1,209	A	\$ 23.79	9,927.02	D
Common Stock	11/08/2011		S		2,418	D	\$ 38.85	7,509.02	D
Common Stock								9,451.63 <sup>(2)</sup>	I

By RSOP Trust

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 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)	\$ 29.79	11/08/2011		M	1,209	<sup>(3)</sup> 01/02/2012	Common Stock	1,209
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.79	11/08/2011		M	1,209	<sup>(4)</sup> 02/03/2013	Common Stock	1,209

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
AMBERG DEBORAH A 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET DULUTH, MN 55802			SrVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary	

## Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for Deborah A. Amberg  
11/09/2011

\_\_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 ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan, based on plan information available as of October 31, 2011.
- (2) Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP) and is based on RSOP plan information available as of October 31, 2011.
- (3) The option vested in three equal installments on January 2, 2003, January 2, 2004 and January 2, 2005, respectively.
- (4) The option vested in three equal installments on February 3, 2004, February 3, 2005 and February 3, 2006, respectively.

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