

SMITH NICK  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*                        |  |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>ALLETE (ALE)</b>             |   |   |            | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)   |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|------------|---|---|--|---|
| <b>Smith Nick</b>   |  |   | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)         |   |   |            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director —<br><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner —<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) —<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |   |  |   |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)   |  |   |   |   |   |            | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year<br><b>1/2/03</b>  |   | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |
| <b>747 Sellwood Building</b><br><b>202 West Superior Street</b> |  |   | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)                                    |   |   |            |   |   |  |   |
| (Street)  |  |   |   |   |   |            |   |   |  |   |
| <b>Duluth, MN 55802</b>   |  |   |   |   |   |            |   |   |  |   |
| (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  |  |   |   |   |   |            |   | <b>11288.885<sup>(1)</sup></b>  | <b>D</b>   |   |
| Common Stock  |  |   |   |   |   |            |   | <b>50</b>   | <b>I</b>   | <b>By Spouse</b>                                      |
| Common Stock  |  |   |   |   |   |            |   | <b>2000</b>   | <b>I</b>   | <b>By IRA Trust</b>                                   |
| Common Stock  |  |   |   |   |   |            |   | <b>510</b>  | <b>I</b>   | <b>Keogh Plan</b>                                     |

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)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities<br>Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 & 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 & 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |       |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|--|---|---|---|---|-------|
|   |  |   |   | Code                              | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date |  |   |   |   |   | Title |
| <b>Stock Option (right to buy)</b>            | <b>23.20</b>   | <b>1/2/03</b>                           |   | <b>A</b>                          |   | <b>3000</b>  |     | <b>see below<sup>(2)</sup></b>                              | <b>1/2/13</b>   | <b>Common Stock</b>  | <b>3000</b>                                   |   | <b>3000</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. This information is based on a plan statement as of December 31, 2002.

(2) Option vests annually, 50% in 2004 and 50% in 2005.

By: /s/ **Philip R. Halverson**

**Philip R. Halverson for Nick Smith**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

**January 3, 2003**

Date

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

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

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