

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### REPORTING OWNER

**Adams Robert John**

CIK: **1435714**

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Mailing Address

*30 WEST SUPERIOR  
STREET*

*DULUTH MN 55802-2093*

### ISSUER

**ALLETE INC**

CIK: **66756** | IRS No.: **410418150** | State of Incorporation: **MN** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**

SIC: **4931** Electric & other services combined

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2182795000*

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>Adams Robert John</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>ALLETE INC [ALE]</b>			5. 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 Bus. Dev; Chief Risk Ofcr</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/21/2013</b>					
30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. 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		
(Street)								
DULUTH, MN 55802								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/21/2013		A		604	A	\$ 0	4,976.19 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								10,197.52 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By RSOP Trust

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

### Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's employee stock purchase plan, the dividend reinvestment feature of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan, and the dividend equivalent feature of restricted stock granted under ALLETE's executive long-term incentive compensation plan, all based on plan information available as of January 1, 2013.
2. Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP), based on RSOP plan information available as of January 1, 2013.

### Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for Robert J. Adams

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

01/23/2013

Date

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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