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FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Smith Nick					me and Tic	ker or T	Po	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) 747 Sellwood Br 202 West Super	of Reporting Person,					tatement for nth/Day/Year 03	10	X Director					
(Street) Duluth, MN 55802							Date	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Т	able	I Non-D	Derivati	ve Seci	urities Acquired,					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date,	(Instr. 8	Code ()	4. Securitie (A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4	es Acquosed of & 5)	ired (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially		6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial		
	(Month/ Day/ Year)	if any (Month/Day/ Year)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	11100	Owned Follow- ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock								1128	8.885 <u>(1)</u>	D			
Common Stock									50	I	By Spouse		
Common Stock									2000	I	By IRA Trust		
Common Stock									510	I	Keogh Plan		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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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	2. Conver-		3A.	4.	5.		6. Date Exerc		7. Title an				10.	11. Nature
Derivative			Deemed	I	Numb	ber and Expiration				Derivative			of Indirect	
Security	Exercise	action	Execution	action	of		Date		Underlyin	g	Security	Securities	ship	Beneficial
	Price of	Date	Date,	Code	Deriv	ativ	(Month/Day/		Securities		(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Form	Ownership
(Instr. 3)	Derivative		if any		Securities Year)				(Instr. 3 & 4)			Owned	of Deriv-	(Instr. 4)
	Security	(Month/	(Month/	(Instr.	Acqui	ired						Following	ative	
		Day/	Day/	8)	(A) or	ſ						Reported	Security:	
		Year)	Year)		Dispo	sed						~	Direct	
					of (D))						(Instr. 4)	(D)	
													or	
					(Instr	3,							Indirect	
					4 & 5)							(I)	
				Code V			Date	Expira-	Title	Amount	1		(Instr. 4)	
					` /	. ,		tion		or				
								Date		Number				
										of				
										Shares				
Stock	23.20	1/2/03		Α	3000		see below(2)	1/2/13	Common	3000		3000	D	
Option							_		Stock					
(right to														
buy)														

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

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