

AMBERG DEBORAH A

Form 4

February 25, 2005

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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)  
02/24/2005

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)

VP, Gen. Counsel &amp; Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
Common Stock	02/24/2005		M	1,316 A	\$ 16.6 2,335.38	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2005		M	1,414 A	\$ 15.88 3,749.38	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2005		S	2,730 D	\$ 39.7 1,019.38	D	
Common Stock					983.63 <sup>(1)</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	\$ 16.6 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/24/2005		M	1,316 <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup> 01/02/2006	Common Stock	1,316
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 15.88 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/24/2005		M	1,414 <sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup> 01/02/2007	Common Stock	1,414

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for Deborah A. Amberg

02/25/2005

          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 ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP) and is based on RSOP plan information available as of January 31, 2005.
- (2) This option was previously reported as covering 1,526 shares at an exercise price of \$14.31 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.
- (3) The option vested 50% on January 2, 1997 and 50% on January 2, 1998.
- (4) This option was previously reported as covering 1,640 shares at an exercise price of \$13.69 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.
- (5) The option vested 50% on January 2, 1998 and 50% on January 2, 1999.

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