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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Hoolihan James J

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

05/09/2006

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALLETE INC [ALE]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

100 NORTH POKEGAMA **AVENUE**

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

GRAND RAPIDS. MNÂ 55755

> (City) (State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

600

Form:

Ownership Direct (D)

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Â

or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

D

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

Common Stock

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

Security

Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Title

Direct (D)

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect
Exercisable Date Number of (I)
Shares (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hoolihan James J
100 NORTH POKEGAMA

100 NORTH POKEGAMA AVENUE X GRAND RAPIDS, MNÂ 55755

Signatures

James J. Hoolihan 05/09/2006

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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