Stellmaker Donald W Form 4 February 25, 2013

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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(Print or Type Responses)

02/21/2013

Stock

Common Stock

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Stellmaker Donald W |          |  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLETE INC [ALE] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |  |  |
|---|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last)  | (First)  | (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction |   | (Check all applicable)   |  |  |
| 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET                                       |          |  | (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/21/2013                                      | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  V.P. & Corporate Treasurer            |  |  |
|   | (Street) |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  |  |  |
| DULUTH, MI  | N 55803  |  | Filed(Month/Day/Year)   | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |

| DULUTH, M                            | MN 55803                             |   |  |  |                              |             | Person   | lore than One Rej  | oorting   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| (City)                               | (State) (                            | (Zip) Table   | I - Non-D                              | erivative :                            | Secur                        | ities Acqu  | uired, Disposed of   | , or Beneficiall   | y Owned   |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securit<br>n(A) or Di<br>(Instr. 3, | sposed<br>4 and<br>(A)<br>or | d of (D)    | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 02/21/2013                           |   | M                                      | 1,324                                  | A                            | \$<br>37.76 | 8,071.87   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 02/21/2013                           |   | M                                      | 1,792                                  | A                            | \$<br>41.35 | 9,863.87   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 02/21/2013                           |   | M                                      | 4,596                                  | A                            | \$ 39.1     | 14,459.87  | D  |   |
| Common                               | 02/21/2013                           |   | S                                      | 7 712                                  | D                            | \$          | 6 747 87   | D  |   |

7,712 D

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| \$<br>46.32 | 6,747.87 | D |                  |
|-------------|----------|---|------------------|
|             | 7,418.14 | I | By RSOP<br>Trust |
|             |          |   |                  |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |     |       | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, |                    | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration D<br>(Month/Day/ | ate                                    | 7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and | Securities |  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----|-------|--|--------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|------------|--|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                 | (A) | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                                       |            |  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Rt. to<br>buy)      | \$ 37.76  | 02/21/2013                           |   | M                                      |     | 1,324 | <u>(1)</u>   | 02/02/2014         | Common<br>Stock                              | 1,324                                  |                                       |            |  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Rt. to<br>buy)      | \$ 41.35  | 02/21/2013                           |   | M                                      |     | 1,792 | <u>(2)</u>   | 02/01/2015         | Common<br>Stock                              | 1,792                                  |                                       |            |  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Rt. to<br>buy)      | \$ 39.1   | 02/21/2013                           |   | M                                      |     | 4,596 | <u>(3)</u>   | 02/01/2018         | Common<br>Stock                              | 4,596                                  |                                       |            |  |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                 | Relationships |           |                            |       |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |  |  |  |
| Stellmaker Donald W<br>30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET |               |           | V.P. & Corporate Treasurer |       |  |  |  |
| DULUTH, MN 55803                               |               |           |                            |       |  |  |  |

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### **Signatures**

Ingrid K. Johnson for Donald W. Stellmaker

02/25/2013

\*\*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) The option vested in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 2, 2005, one-third vested on February 2, 2006, and one-third vested on February 2, 2007.
- (2) The option vested in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 1, 2006, one-third vested on February 1, 2007, and one-third vested on February 1, 2008.
- (3) The option vested in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 1, 2009, one-third vested on February 1, 2010, and one-third vested on February 1, 2011.

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