

JOHNSON PETER J  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JOHNSON PETER J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

302 SOUTH HOOVER ROAD, PO BOX 1007

(Street)

VIRGINIA, MN 55792

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALLETE INC [ALE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/30/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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 or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	11/30/2004		M		1,250 A \$ 16.6	(1)	D
Common Stock	11/30/2004		M		1,250 A \$ 15.88		D
Common Stock	11/30/2004		M		1,250 A \$ 25.08		D
Common Stock	11/30/2004		M		1,293 A \$ 25.45		D
Common Stock	11/30/2004		M		1,293 A \$ 18.85		D

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Common Stock	11/30/2004		M	1,293	A	\$ 27.4	21,282.84	D	
Common Stock	11/30/2004		M	1,293	A	\$ 29.79	22,575.84	D	
Common Stock	11/30/2004		M	646	A	\$ 26.91	23,221.84	D	
Common Stock							109.64 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Spouse as Custodian for Minor Grandchildren

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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.6	11/30/2004		M	1,250 <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup> 01/02/2006	Common Stock	1,250	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.88	11/30/2004		M	1,250 <sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup> 01/02/2007	Common Stock	1,250	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.08	11/30/2004		M	1,250 <sup>(6)</sup>	<sup>(7)</sup> 01/02/2008	Common Stock	1,250	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.45	11/30/2004		M	1,293 <sup>(8)</sup>	<sup>(9)</sup> 01/04/2009	Common Stock	1,293	

Buy)									
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.85	11/30/2004	M	1,293 (10)	(11)	01/03/2010	Common Stock	1,293	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.4	11/30/2004	M	1,293 (12)	(13)	01/02/2011	Common Stock	1,293	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.79	11/30/2004	M	1,293 (14)	(15)	01/02/2012	Common Stock	1,293	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.91	11/30/2004	M	646 (16)	01/02/2004	01/02/2013	Common Stock	646	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON PETER J 302 SOUTH HOOVER ROAD PO BOX 1007 VIRGINIA, MN 55792	X			

## Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for Peter J.  
Johnson

12/02/2004

\_\_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).
- Total shown reflects the one-for-three reverse stock split effective at 12:00 noon EDT on September 20, 2004 and includes shares
- (1) acquired in exempt transactions under the dividend reinvestment feature of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan and based on plan information as of November 1, 2004.
- (2) This option was previously reported as covering 1,450 shares at an exercise price of \$14.31 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (3) 50% vested January 2, 1997 and 50% vested January 2, 1998.
- (4) This option was previously reported as covering 1,450 shares at an exercise price of \$13.69 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (5) 50% vested January 2, 1998 and 50% vested January 2, 1999.
- (6)

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This option was previously reported as covering 1,450 shares at an exercise price of \$21.63 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.

- (7) 50% vested January 2, 1999 and 50% vested January 2, 2000.
- (8) This option was previously reported as covering 1,500 shares at an exercise price of \$21.94 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (9) 50% vested January 4, 2000 and 50% vested January 4, 2001.
- (10) This option was previously reported as covering 1,500 shares at an exercise price of \$16.25 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (11) 50% vested January 3, 2001 and 50% vested January 3, 2002.
- (12) This option was previously reported as covering 1,500 shares at an exercise price of \$23.63 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (13) 50% vested January 2, 2002 and 50% vested January 2, 2003.
- (14) This option was previously reported as covering 1,500 shares at an exercise price of \$25.68 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (15) 50% vested January 2, 2003 and 50% vested January 2, 2004.
- (16) This option was previously reported as covering 1,500 shares at an exercise price of \$23.20 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.

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