

THORP TIMOTHY J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Thorp Timothy J.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>30 West Superior Street</b>  (Street) <b>Duluth, MN 55802</b>			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>ALLETE (ALE)</b>			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <b>VP Investor Relations/Corporate Communications</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>10/7/02</b>		
			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price									
Common Stock												34.803 <sup>(1)</sup>		D		
Common Stock												190.852 <sup>(2)</sup>		I	By Children	
Common Stock												6967.99 <sup>(3)</sup>		I	By RSOP Trust	

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion or	3. Trans-	3A. Deemed	4. Trans-	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Number of Derivative	10. Owner-	11. Nature of Indirect
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Security (Instr. 3)	Exercise Price of Derivative Security	action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	action Code (Instr. 8)	of		Date Month/Day/ Year	Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	ship Form of Deriv- ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Derivative Security (A) or Disposed of (D)  (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)	Date		Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

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 September 30, 2002.
- (2) See explanation (1) above.
- (3) Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP). RSOP is the recent consolidation of ALLETE's supplemental retirement and employee stock ownership plans. This information is based on an RSOP statement as of September 30, 2002.

By: /s/ **Ingrid Kane-Johnson**  
**Ingrid Kane-Johnson f/k/a Ingrid L. Kane for**  
**Timothy J. Thorp**  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

**October 7, 2002**  
 Date

\*\*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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