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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Â Hodnik Alan R
(Last) (First) (Middle)

30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET
(Street)

DULUTH,Â MNÂ 55802
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
05/12/2009

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer _____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
President

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,983.82	D	Â
Common Stock	1,827.18	I	By RSOP Trust
Common Stock	119.93	I	As Custodian for Children's Accounts

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

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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	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	02/02/2014	Common Stock	1,366	$ 37.76	D	Â
Employee Stock Optioin (right to buy)	Â (2)	02/01/2015	Common Stock	1,655	$ 41.35	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (3)	02/01/2016	Common Stock	2,165	$ 44.15	D	Â
Employee Stock Optioin (right to buy)	Â (4)	02/01/2017	Common Stock	2,812	$ 48.65	D	Â
Employee Stock Optioin (right to buy)	Â (5)	02/01/2018	Common Stock	6,643	$ 39.1	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hodnik Alan R 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET DULUTH,Â MNÂ 55802	Â X	Â	Â President	Â

Signatures

Alan R. Hodnik	05/14/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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).

(1) The option vested in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 2, 2005, one-third vested on February 2, 2006, and the remainder 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 the remainder vested on February 1, 2008.

(3) The option vested in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 1, 2007, one-third vested on February 1, 2008, and the remainder vested on February 1, 2009.

(4) The option vests in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 1, 2008, one-third vested on February 1, 2009, and the remainder will vest on February 1, 2010.

(5) The option vests in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 1, 2009, one-third will vest on February 1, 2010, and the remainder will vest on February 1, 2011.

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