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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol      |  |
| Â Hodnik Alan R                           |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | ALLETE INC [ALE]                                 |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | 05/12/2009                           |  |  |
| 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET                   |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                           |  |
| DULUTH,Â MNÂ 55802                        |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below)                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | President  |  |

**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 |
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|                                      | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Derivative Security (Instr. 4)<br>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 Option (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 Option (right to buy) | Â (4)            | 02/01/2017      | Common Stock                            | 2,812                      | \$ 48.65                                 | D  | Â          |
| Employee Stock Option (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<br>30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET<br>DULUTH, MN 55802 | Â X           | Â         | Â President | Â     |

## Signatures

Alan R. Hodnik                      05/14/2009  
 \*\*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).
- (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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