

SMITH NICK
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLETE (ALE)			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
Smith Nick			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 1/2/03			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director —		
(Last) (First) (Middle)									<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner —		
747 Sellwood Building			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		
202 West Superior Street									<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street)			Duluth, MN 55802								

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Trans-action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)		3. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow-ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)		6. Owner-ship 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									11288.885 ⁽¹⁾			D			
Common Stock									50			I	By Spouse		
Common Stock									2000			I	By IRA Trust		
Common Stock									510			I	Keogh Plan		

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)

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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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Option (right to buy)	23.20	1/2/03		A		3000		see below⁽²⁾	1/2/13	Common Stock	3000	3000	D	

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 December 31, 2002.
(2) Option vests annually, 50% in 2004 and 50% in 2005.

By: /s/ **Philip R. Halverson** **January 3, 2003**
Philip R. Halverson for Nick Smith Date
 **Signature of Reporting Person

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 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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