

McMillan David J  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 McMillan David J		(Month/Day/Year)	ALLETE INC [ALE]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
DULUTH,Â MNÂ 55802			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)	(specify below)
			Sr VP Mktg, Reg. & Pub Affairs	
			6. 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	

**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	5,893.29	D	Â
Common Stock	5,827.89	I	By RSOP Trust

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	01/02/2012	Common Stock	3,861	\$ 29.79	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	02/03/2013	Common Stock	1,931	\$ 23.79	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	02/03/2014	Common Stock	3,409	\$ 37.76	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (4)	02/01/2015	Common Stock	4,109	\$ 41.36	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (5)	02/01/2016	Common Stock	4,365	\$ 44.15	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (6)	02/01/2017	Common Stock	4,019	\$ 48.65	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (7)	02/01/2018	Common Stock	7,383	\$ 39.1	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McMillan David J 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET DULUTH, MN 55802	Â	Â	Â Sr VP Mktg, Reg. & Pub Affairs	Â

## Signatures

David J. McMillan  
10/27/2010

\_\_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 January 2, 2003, one-third vested on January 12, 2004, and the remainder vested on January 2, 2005.
  - (2) The option vested in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 3, 2004, one-third vested on February 3, 2005, and the remainder vested on February 3, 2006.
  - (3) 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.
  - (4) 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.
  - (5) 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.

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- (6) The option vested in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 1, 2008, one-third vested on February 1, 2009, and the remainder vested on February 1, 2010.
- (7) The option vests in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 1, 2009, one-third vested on February 1, 2010, and the remainder will vest on February 1, 2011.

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