Hoolihan James J Form 4 March 27, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

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may continue.

See Instruction

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hoolihan James J | | | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|----------|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | ALLETE INC [ALE] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | |
| 917 4TH AVENUE NORTH WEST | | | (Month/Day/Year) | X Director 10% Owner | | | |
| | | | 03/26/2018 | Officer (give title below) Other (specification) | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) | | | |
| | | | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | |

GRAND RAPIDS. MN 55744

(Stata)

1 Name and Address of Departing De

| (City) | (State) | Table Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securi | ties A | cquired | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | on(A) or D | ispose | d of (D) | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial | |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |
| | | | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | (4) | | Reported | | |
| | | | | | (A) | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common | | | | | | \$ | | | |
| Stock | 03/26/2018 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 800 | D | 70.51 (2) | 16,483.5 <u>(3)</u> | D | |

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

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Title | and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber | Expiration Date | | Amour | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underl | ying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ies | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. : | 3 and 4) | | Owne |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | · | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | sable Date | | | | |
| | | | | ~ | | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

GRAND RAPIDS, MN 55744

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hoolihan James J

917 4TH AVENUE NORTH WEST X

Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for James J. Hoolihan

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 22, 2018
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$70.30 (2) \$70.87. The reporting person undertakes to provide to ALLETE, any security holder of ALLETE, or the staff of the Securities Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range provided above.
- Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions pursuant to: (1) the dividend reinvestment feature of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan ("Direct Invest"); (2) a broker-administered dividend reinvestment plan that is substantially similar to Direct Invest; and (3) the dividend equivalent feature of deferred stock awards under ALLETE's nonemployee director deferral plan; and all based on plan information available as of March 1, 2018.

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