MAYER GEORGE L

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

MAYER GEORGE L		orting Person _	2. 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			
178 MYRTL	LE BLVD.,	SUITE 103	(Month/Day/Year) 11/11/2004	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(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		

LARCHMONT, NY 10538

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	11/11/2004		M	1,293	A	\$ 18.85	10,187.36 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	D			
Common Stock	11/11/2004		M	1,293	A	\$ 25.45	11,480.36	D			
Common Stock	11/11/2004		M	2,083	A	\$ 15.88	13,563.36	D			
Common Stock	11/11/2004		M	1,250	A	\$ 25.08	14,813.36	D			
Common Stock							166 <u>(1)</u>	I	By Spouse		
							100 (1)	I			

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Common Stock			Spouse as Conservator (3)
Common Stock	83 (1)	I	Charitable Remainder Trust
Common Stock	133 (1)	I	Charitable Annuity Trust
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

number.

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Second Control Second (A) Or Disp (D)	urities uired or posed of tr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.85	11/11/2004		M		1,293 (4)	(5)	01/03/2010	Common Stock	1,293
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.45	11/11/2004		M		1,250 (<u>6)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	01/04/2009	Common Stock	1,250
Employee Stock Opton (right to buy)	\$ 25.45	11/11/2004		M		43 (8)	<u>(7)</u>	01/04/2009	Common Stock	43
	\$ 25.08	11/11/2004		M			(10)	01/02/2008		1,250

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Employee Stock Option (right to buy)				1,250 (9)			Common Stock	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.08	11/11/2004	M	833 (11)	<u>(10)</u>	01/02/2008	Common Stock	833
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.88	11/11/2004	М	1,250 (12)	(13)	01/02/2007	Common Stock	1,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MAYER GEORGE L 178 MYRTLE BLVD., SUITE 103 LARCHMONT, NY 10538	X						

Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for George L.
Mayer

11/15/2004

**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).
- (1) Total shown reflects one-for-three reverse stock split on September 20, 2004.
- (2) Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under the dividend reinvestment feature of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan and based on plan information as of November 1, 2004.
- (3) By reporting person's spouse as conservator for family member in the same household as reporting person.
- (4) This option was previously reported as covering 1,500 shares at an exercise price of \$16.25 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (5) 50% vested January 3, 2001 and 50% vested January 3, 2002
- This option was previously reported as covering 1,450 shares at an exercise price of \$21.94 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (7) 50% vested January 4, 2000 and 50% vested January 4, 2001.
- (8) This option was previously reported as covering 50 shares at an exercise price of \$21.94 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (9) This option was previously reported as covering 1,450 shares at an exercise price of \$21.63 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.

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- (10) 50% vested January 2, 1999 and 50% vested January 2, 2000.
- (11) This option was previously reported as covering 966 shares at an exercise price of \$13.69 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (12) This option was previously reported as covering 1,450 shares at an exercise price of \$13.69 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.
- (13) 50% vested January 2, 1998 and 50% vested January 2, 1999.

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