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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549 FORM U-3A-2

STATEMENT BY HOLDING COMPANY CLAIMING EXEMPTION UNDER RULE U-3A-2 FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935

TO BE FILED ANNUALLY PRIOR TO MARCH 1

ALLETE, INC. (NAME OF COMPANY)

hereby files with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 2, its statement claiming exemption as a holding company from the provisions of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and submits the following information:

Name, State of organization, location and nature of business of claimant and every subsidiary thereof, other than any exempt wholesale generator (EWG) or foreign utility company in which claimant directly or indirectly holds an interest.

STATE / PROVINCE OF ORGANIZATION LOCATION NAME ______

ALLETE, Inc.

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