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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ALLETE INC [ALE] DeVinck Steven Q (Month/Day/Year) 07/12/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person DULUTH, MNÂ 55802 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Controller Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock D Â 1,121.13 Common Stock 448.69 I By RSOP Trust By Spouse as Custodian for Common Stock 104.35 Ι Minor Child Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security
2. Date Exercisable and Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership
Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership

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			Derivative Sec(Instr. 4)	curity	or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/03/2005	02/03/2013	Common Stock	487	\$ 23.79	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	02/02/2014	Common Stock	872	\$ 37.76	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	02/01/2015	Common Stock	1,756	\$ 41.35	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	02/01/2016	Common Stock	1,756	\$ 44.15	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe			
DeVinck Steven Q 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET DULUTH Â MNÂ 55802	Â	Â	Controller	Â			

Signatures

Steven Q.
DeVinck

**Signature of Reporting Person

O7/14/2006

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) This option vests in three equal installments. One-third vested on February 2, 2005, one-third vested on February 2, 2006 and one-third will vest on February 2, 2007.
- (2) This option vests in three equal installments. One-third vested on February 1, 2006, one-third vested on February 1, 2007 and the remaining one-third will vest on February 1, 2008.
- (3) This option will vest in three equal installements on February 1, 2007, February 1, 2008 and February 1, 2009.

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