Hodnik Alan R Form 3				
May 14, 2009 FORM 3 UNITED STAT	FES SECURITIES AN Washington, I	ID EXCHANGE COMMISSION D.C. 20549	OMB APPROVAL	
INITIAL S	TATEMENT OF BEN SECURI	EFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF FIES	Number: Expires: Estimated a	January 31, 2005
Section 17(a) of		Securities Exchange Act of 1934, ng Company Act of 1935 or Section Company Act of 1940	burden hou response	· ·
(Print or Type Responses)				
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Syn	nbol	

Person <u>*</u> Hodnik	Alan R		Statement (Month/Day/Year)	ALLETE I	NC [ALE]		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/12/2009	4. Relationshi Person(s) to I	p of Reporting		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
30 WEST S	(Street)	STREET		(Check	all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group
DULUTH,	MN 558	302		X Director X Officer (give title below F	Other		Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I -	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	ırity		2. Amount Beneficially (Instr. 4)	of Securities 7 Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	1
Common S	tock		2,983.82		D	Â	
Common S	tock		1,827.18		Ι	By R	SOP Trust
Common S	tock		119.93		Ι	As C Acco	ustodian for Children's punts

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	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership

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			Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	02/02/2014	Common Stock	1,366	\$ 37.76	D	Â
Employee Stock Optioin (right to buy)	(2)	02/01/2015	Common Stock	1,655	\$ 41.35	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(<u>3)</u>	02/01/2016	Common Stock	2,165	\$ 44.15	D	Â
Employee Stock Optioin (right to buy)	(4)	02/01/2017	Common Stock	2,812	\$ 48.65	D	Â
Employee Stock Optioin (right to buy)	(5)	02/01/2018	Common Stock	6,643	\$ 39.1	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Hodnik Alan R 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET DULUTH, MN 55802	ÂX	Â	President	Â		
Signatures						

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Alan R. Hodnik 05/14/2009

<u>**Signature of Date</u>

Reporting Person
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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 February 2, 2005, one-third vested on February 2, 2006, and the remainder vested on February 2, 2007.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) The option vests in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 1, 2008, one-third vested on February 1, 2009, and the remainder will vest on February 1, 2010.
- (5) The option vests in three equal installments; one-third vested on February 1, 2009, one-third will vest on February 1, 2010, and the remainder will vest on February 1, 2011.

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