



INVEST DIRECT[®]
SHAREHOLDER AUTHORIZATION FORM—SAFEKEEP
Account Number: _____

I acknowledge receipt of the ALLETE Invest Direct[®] Prospectus, and agree to the terms and conditions of the Plan as stated therein.

I authorize ALLETE to invest as indicated below, the optional cash investments and/or cash dividends of ALLETE stock in shares of ALLETE Common Stock, pursuant to the terms of the Invest Direct[®] Plan.

Please fill in account registration.

YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS AND SIGN BELOW IN ORDER FOR ALLETE SHAREHOLDER SERVICES TO PROCESS YOUR ACCOUNT.

DIVIDEND INSTRUCTIONS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reinvest all cash dividends and invest optional cash payments. (enclosed) (RD) \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Reinvest all cash dividends. (RD) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue reinvestment of dividends. Pay dividend on all shares. (RP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Dividend Reinvestment Reinvest dividends on _____% of total shares registered in my name or held in my Plan account. (increments of 10%) (RX) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reinvest dividends on shares held in plan account. Pay dividends on shares held in DRS and certificate form. (RV) | |

OPTIONAL CASH PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- Optional cash payments only. Continue to send cash dividends to me, but I wish to participate through optional cash payments.

CERTIFICATE SAFEKEEPING INSTRUCTIONS

- Deposit the attached certificate(s) in my dividend reinvestment account and cancel the certificate(s). The shares it (they) represent(s) will be credited to my (our) account under the Plan, and these shares will be co-mingled with the current shares held in my (our) Plan account. **NOTE:** If you wish to change your method of receiving dividends, check one of the boxes above under Dividend Instructions. **Certificates should not be endorsed, and should be sent by certified or registered mail.**

Date _____ Signature _____

Area Code _____ Telephone Number _____ Signature _____