

AETNA INC /PA/
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ROWE JOHN W

(Last) (First) (Middle)
151 FARMINGTON AVENUE

(Street)

HARTFORD, CT 06156

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/23/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | | S(1)(2) | | 3,500 | D | \$ 75.71 | 0 I By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | | S(1)(2) | | 400 | D | \$ 75.76 | 0 I By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | | S(1)(2) | | 1,300 | D | \$ 75.74 | 0 I By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | | S(1)(2) | | 1,300 | D | \$ 75.75 | 0 I By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | | S(1)(2) | | 1,800 | D | \$ 75.76 | 0 I By GRATS |

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|--------------|------------|----------------|-------|---|----------|----------------------|---|----------------|
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 75.77 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 300 | D | \$ 75.78 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 500 | D | \$ 75.79 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 400 | D | \$ 75.8 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 1,200 | D | \$ 75.81 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 75.82 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 2,200 | D | \$ 75.83 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 2,200 | D | \$ 75.85 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 75.86 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 75.88 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 900 | D | \$ 75.91 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 600 | D | \$ 75.92 | 0 | I | by GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 1,400 | D | \$ 75.95 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 1,800 | D | \$ 75.97 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 400 | D | \$ 75.99 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 500 | D | \$ 76 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 1,800 | D | \$ 76.01 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 700 | D | \$ 76.03 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 1,100 | D | \$ 76.04 | 22,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 293.1 ⁽³⁾ | I | By 401(k) Plan |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROWE JOHN W 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156 | X | | Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer | |

Signatures

John W. Rowe by Judith H. Jones,
Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 05/24/2005

__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) The sale reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the John W. Rowe 2004 GRAT on March 4, 2005 and a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the John W. Rowe 2003 GRAT on March 4, 2005.
- (2) THIS IS FORM 2 OF 2. The number of individual Table I line entries making up the sale reported exceeds the EDGAR system's limitations and, therefore, this filing is being made in two parts.
- (3) Represents the pro rata portion of the stock portion of Aetna Common Stock fund held by reporting person on April 29, 2005, pursuant to Aetna Inc. 401(k) Plan. The information is based on information provided by the Plan Trustee as of that date.

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