

Zubretsky Joseph M
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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 *
 Zubretsky Joseph M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

AETNA INC., 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)
 02/13/2009

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)

Executive VP, Finance

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 32.11	02/13/2009	A	207,101					02/13/2010 ⁽¹⁾	02/13/2019	Common Stock
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 32.11	02/13/2009	A	6,921					08/13/2009 ⁽²⁾	02/13/2014	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	02/13/2009	A	118,344					⁽⁴⁾	⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Zubretsky Joseph M AETNA INC. 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156			Executive VP, Finance	

Signatures

Joseph M. Zubretsky by Judith H. Jones, Attorney -in-fact	02/18/2009
<u> </u> **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) Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Aetna Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, exercisable in three annual installments beginning February 13, 2010.
- (2) Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Aetna Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one share of Aetna Inc. Common Stock net of taxes.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units granted under the Aetna Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, units will vest in two installments, one-third will vest on August 13, 2010 and two-thirds will vest on February 13, 2012.

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