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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WILLIAMS RONALD A Issuer Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE 03/23/2005 below) below) President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

HARTFORD, CT 06156

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S(1)(2)	3,600	D	\$ 72.82	0 (3)	D		
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 72.81	0	D		
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S(1)(2)	2,900	D	\$ 72.79	0	D		
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S(1)(2)	8,800	D	\$ 72.75	0	D		
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 72.74	0	D		

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Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	2,000	D	\$ 72.72	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	4,500	D	\$ 72.68	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	1,800	D	\$ 72.67	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 72.66	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 72.65	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	4,300	D	\$ 72.64	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 72.63	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 72.62	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	4,700	D	\$ 72.61	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	5,600	D	\$ 72.6	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 72.59	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 72.58	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	2,800	D	\$ 72.57	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	4,700	D	\$ 72.56	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 72.55	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 72.54	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	13,500	D	\$ 72.53	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	4,400	D	\$ 72.52	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	4,100	D	\$ 72.51	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	3,000	D	\$ 72.5	0	D
	03/23/2005	$S_{(1)(2)}$	2,200	D		0	D

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Common Stock					\$ 72.49		
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	72.48	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	5,100	D	\$ 72.47	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	5,300	D	\$ 72.46	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S(1)(2)	6,200	D	\$ 72.45	0	D

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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				
WILLIAMS RONALD A 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156	X		President					

Signatures

Judith H. Jones, Attorney-in-Fact 03/24/2005

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**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 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 18, 2005.
- (2) THIS IS FORM 2 OF 4. 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 four parts.
- (3) Total holdings reported on Form four of four.

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