**AETNA INC /PA/** Form 4 March 24, 2005

# FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WILLIAMS RONALD A			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	ast) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
151 FARMINGTON AVENUE			03/23/2005	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				President		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Che		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
HARTFORI	O, CT 06156			_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-De	rivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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)  (A) or		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		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S(1)(2)	1,800	D	\$ 72.06	0	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S(1)(2)	2,600	D	\$ 72.05	0	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S(1)(2)	5,800	D	\$ 72.03	0	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S(1)(2)	4,900	D	\$ 71.86	91,716 (3)	D	
Common Stock							5,000	I	By GRAT

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	]
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		(
	Security				Acquired						J
					(A) or						]
					Disposed						7
					of (D)						(
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration	Title	or Number		
						Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)						
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<b>Fg</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WILLIAMS RONALD A							
151 FARMINGTON AVENUE	X		President				
HARTFORD, CT 06156							

#### **Signatures**

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

\*\*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).
- The sale reported was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 18, 2005.
- THIS IS FORM 4 OF 4. The number of individual Table I line entries making up the sale reported exceeds the EDGAR system's **(2)** limitations and, therefore, this filing is being made in four parts.
- Includes 60,000 shares held in Williams Family Trust of which Mr. Williams and spouse are sole trustees and beneficiaries.
- (4) Shares held in Guaranteed Retained Annuity Trust of which Mr. Williams is the sole trustee.

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