ROWE JOHN W Form 4 April 12, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

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

(First)

(Street)

(Ctota)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]

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

151 FARMINGTON AVENUE 04/11/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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X Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title . _ Other (specify below)

Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	04/11/2005		S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 75.88	0	I	By GRATS	
Common Stock	04/11/2005		S(1)(2)	1,400	D	\$ 75.89	0	I	By GRATS	
Common Stock	04/11/2005		S(1)(2)	1,600	D	\$ 75.9	0	I	By GRATS	
Common Stock	04/11/2005		S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 75.91	0	I	By GRATS	
Common Stock	04/11/2005		S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 75.96	0	I	By GRATS	

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Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 75.97	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 75.98	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 75.99	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 76	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	800	D	\$ 76.01	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	1,400	D	\$ 76.03	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 76.06	22,000	D	
Common Stock						292.4047	I	401(k) Plan (3)

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

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.		5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction 1		nNumber	Expiration Date		Amou	int of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code		of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Unde	rlying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Derivative	•		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative					Securities			(Instr	. 3 and 4)	
	Security					Acquired					
						(A) or					
						Disposed					
						of (D)					
						(Instr. 3,					
						4, and 5)					
										Amount	
							Date	Expiration		or	
							Exercisable Date	•	Title	Number	
										of	
				Code	V	(A) (D)				Shares	

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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ROWE JOHN W
151 FARMINGTON AVENUE X
HARTFORD, CT 06156

Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer

Signatures

John W. Rowe by Judith H. Jones, Attorney-in-Fact

04/12/2005

**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 10b-5 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 March 31, 2005 pursuant to Aetna Inc. Incentive Savings Plan. The information is based on information provided by the Plan Trustee as of that date.

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