HOLT TIMOTHY A

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HOLT TIMOTHY A		rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an approach)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
151 FARMINGTON AVENUE		ENUE	12/27/2005	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr. VP & Chief Investment Off.		
	(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		
HARTFORD	, CT 06156)		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficially	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) on 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	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/27/2005		M	15,000	A	\$ 13.075	0	D	
Common Stock	12/27/2005		S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 94.62	0	D	
Common Stock	12/27/2005		S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 94.67	0	D	
Common Stock	12/27/2005		S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 94.72	0	D	
Common Stock	12/27/2005		S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 94.98	0	D	

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Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 94.99 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 95 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 95.01 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 95.02 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 95.05 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 95.07 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 95.08 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 95.09 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 95.13 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 95.14 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 95.15 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 95.17 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 95.27 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 95.28 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 95.76 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 95.77 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 95.78 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 95.8 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	1,500	D	\$ 96.47 0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	1,500	D	\$ 96.6 0	D
	12/27/2005	$S_{\underline{(1)(2)}}$	1,300	D	\$ 96.76 0	D

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 96.77	0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 96.9	0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 96.91	0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 96.92	45,696	D

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

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

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5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amount of

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

Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.075	12/27/2005		M		15,000	06/18/2002	06/18/2011	Common Stock	15,000				

Reporting Owners

1. Title of

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HOLT TIMOTHY A 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156			Sr. VP & Chief Investment Off.			

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Signatures

Timothy A. Holt by Judith H. Jones, Attorney-in-Fact

12/29/2005

**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 reporting person on October 31, 2005.
- (2) This is FORM 1 OF 2. The number of individual Table 1 line entries making up the sale reported exceeds the EDGAR system's limitations and, therefore, this filing is being made in two parts.

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