AETNA INC /PA/ Form 4 March 22, 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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(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** WILLIAMS RONALD A

151 FARMINGTON AVENUE

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Issuer

(First) (Middle)

AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]

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

(Month/Day/Year) 03/18/2005

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director ______ 10% Owner _____ Other (specify

below) below)
President

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Jo

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person

____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HARTFORD, CT 06156

(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)	(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		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/18/2005		S(1)(2)	2,200	D	\$ 74.25	0 (3)	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2005		S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 74.24	0	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2005		S(1)(2)	2,500	D	\$ 74.23	0	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2005		S(1)(2)	3,000	D	\$ 74.22	0	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2005		S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 74.21	0	D	

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Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,000	D	\$ 74.2	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,600	D	\$ 74.19	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 74.18	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 74.17	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,600	D	\$ 74.15	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 74.13	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,400	D	\$ 74.12	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 74.1	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 74.08	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	2,600	D	\$ 74.07	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	2,000	D	\$ 74.05	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 74.04	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,400	D	\$ 74.03	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	2,500	D	\$ 74.02	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	6,000	D	\$ 74	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,600	D	\$ 73.99	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,800	D	\$ 73.98	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,500	D	\$ 73.97	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	3,800	D	\$ 73.94	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,000	D	\$ 73.91	0	D
	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,400	D	\$ 73.9	0	D

Common Stock							
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 73.88	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 73.87	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,400	D	\$ 73.86	0	D
Common Stock	03/18/2005	S(1)(2)	2,000	D	\$ 73.92	0	D

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

D S	Title of erivative ecurity nstr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or		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
					Disposed of (D)						Trans (Instr
					(Instr. 3,						Ì
					4, and 5)						
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

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

Judith H. Jones, Attorney-in-Fact 03/22/2005

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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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