ROWE JOHN W Form 4 April 12, 2005

FORM 4

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

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

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

(Middle)

151 FARMINGTON AVENUE

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 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 Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title below)

Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer

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) Tak	ole I - Non-D	red, 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)	(Instr. 3, 4		(D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/11/2005		M	37,000	(D)	\$ 13.1622	0	I	By GRAT
Common Stock	04/11/2005		M	8,000	A	\$ 17.5058	0	I	By GRAT
Common Stock	04/11/2005		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 75.36	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005		S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 75.37	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005		S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 75.38	0	I	By GRATS

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Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	1,600	D	\$ 75.39	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 75.43	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	800	D	\$ 75.47	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 75.48	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	2,200	D	\$ 75.58	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	800	D	\$ 75.61	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 75.64	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 75.66	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	1,700	D	\$ 75.67	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	800	D	\$ 75.69	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 75.72	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	1,600	D	\$ 75.73	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 75.75	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	3,000	D	\$ 75.76	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	1,400	D	\$ 75.77	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 75.78	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	2,900	D	\$ 75.79	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	3,100	D	\$ 75.8	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	1,400	D	\$ 75.81	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	1,600	D	\$ 75.82	0	I	By GRATS
	04/11/2005	$S_{\underline{(1)(2)}}$	1,200	D	\$ 75.83	0	I	

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Common Stock								By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	2,400	D	\$ 75.84	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 75.85	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	1,700	D	\$ 75.86	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/11/2005	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 75.87	0	I	By GRATS

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ve Expiration Date es (Month/Day/Year) d (A) osed of		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (3)	\$ 13.1622	04/11/2005		M		37,000	09/15/2001	09/15/2010	Common Stock	37,000
Employee Stock Option (3)	\$ 17.5058	04/11/2005		M		8,000	09/15/2001	09/05/2010	Common Stock	8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsnips						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ROWE JOHN W 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156	X		Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer				

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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 1 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) This option has been adjusted to reflect the Company's 2-for-1 stock split on March 11, 2005.

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