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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **ROWE JOHN W** Issuer Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE 04/18/2005 below) Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting HARTFORD, CT 06156 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non	-De	rivative S	ired, 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)			(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		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	04/18/2005		Code $S_{\underline{(1)(2)}}$	V	Amount 500	(D)	Price \$ 69.5	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005		S(1)(2)		500	D	\$ 69.54	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005		S(1)(2)		600	D	\$ 69.6	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005		S(1)(2)		100	D	\$ 69.63	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005		S(1)(2)		900	D	\$ 69.64	0	I	By GRATS

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Common Stock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 69.74	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 69.83	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 70.47	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 70.71	22,000	D	
Commn Stock						292.4047 (3)	I	By 401(k)

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	isable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	ç
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	J
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					4, and 5)						
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

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Other
Chief Exec. Officer

Signatures

John W. Rowe by Paige L. Falasco, Attorney-in-Fact 04/20/2005

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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 Fule 10b5-1 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 3 OF 3. 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 three parts.
- (3) Represents the pro rata portion of the stock oprtion 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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