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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addr ROWE JOHN	*	ng 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	(energia di applicació)			
151 FARMINGTON AVENUE		NUE	(Month/Day/Year) 05/23/2005	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	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			Filed(Month/Day/Year)				

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	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)	4. Securi (A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (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	05/23/2005		$S_{\underline{(1)(2)}}$	3,500	D	\$ 75.71	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005		S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 75.76	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005		S(1)(2)	1,300	D	\$ 75.74	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005		S(1)(2)	1,300	D	\$ 75.75	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005		S(1)(2)	1,800	D	\$ 75.76	0	I	By GRATS

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Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 75.77	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 75.78	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 75.79	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 75.8	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 75.81	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 75.82	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	2,200	D	\$ 75.83	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	2,200	D	\$ 75.85	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 75.86	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 75.88	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 75.91	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 75.92	0	I	by GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	1,400	D	\$ 75.95	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	1,800	D	\$ 75.97	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 75.99	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 76	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	1,800	D	\$ 76.01	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 76.03	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 76.04	22,000	D	
Common Stock						293.1 (3)	I	By 401(k) Plan

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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	e and	8. Price of	•
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative]
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ities	(Instr. 5)	ľ
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		
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					(A) or						į
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					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									Amount		
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						Exercisable Date	Title	Number			
				C-J- V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	

10% Owner Officer Other Director

ROWE JOHN W 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156

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Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer

Signatures

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

05/24/2005 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- The sale reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the John W. Rowe 2004 GRAT on March 4, 2005 and a **(1)** Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the John W. Rowe 2003 GRAT on March 4, 2005.
- THIS IS FORM 2 OF 2. The number of individual Table I line entries making up the sale reported exceeds the EDGAR system's **(2)** limitations and, therefore, this filing is being made in two parts.
- Represents the pro rata portion of the stock portion of Aetna Common Stock fund held by reporting person on April 29, 2005, pursuant to Aetna Inc. 401(k) Plan. The information is based on information provided by the Plan Trustee as of that date.

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