HOLT TIMOTHY A

Form 4

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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			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 approact)
151 FARMING	GTON AVE	NUE	(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2006	Director 10% Owner 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
HARTFORD,	CT 06156		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-De	erivative Se	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, 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. Securit (A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/03/2006		M	25,000	A	\$ 17.89	0	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2006		S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 92.66	0	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2006		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 92.74	0	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2006		S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 92.75	0	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2006		S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 92.87	0	D	

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Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 92.88	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 92.9	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 92.92	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 92.93	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 92.94	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 92.96	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 92.97	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 92.98	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 93	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 93.01	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 93.03	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	800	D	\$ 93.04	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 93.05	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 93.08	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 93.09	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 93.1	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 93.12	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 93.14	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 93.15	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 93.19	0	D
	01/03/2006	$S_{(1)(2)}$	1,100	D	\$ 93.2	0	D

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 93.21	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 93.22	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 93.23	0	D
Common Stock	01/03/2006	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 93.24	0	D

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ionDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Derivative Expiration Date Gecurities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 17.89	01/03/2006		M		25,000	01/25/2003	01/25/2012	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

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

3 Reporting Owners

Signatures

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

01/04/2006

**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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