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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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 **LUDWIG EDWARD J** Issuer Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title **605 PIERMONT ROAD** 12/31/2012 below) (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 DEMAREST, NJ 07627 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Instr. 8) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price **COMMON** 12/21/2012 G 8,000 D \$0 6,959 D **STOCK**

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A Disposed of	.) or	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) or O) d		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
	Security			G 1	•	(Instr. 3, 4, a 5)	ind			mu	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun Numbe Shares
PHANTOM STOCK UNITS (1)	<u>(2)</u>	12/31/2012		A		537.141		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	COMMON STOCK	537.1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other					
LUDWIG EDWARD J 605 PIERMONT ROAD DEMAREST, NJ 07627	X							

Signatures

EDWARD J. LUDWIG, by Melinda Westbrook 01/03/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).
 - UNITS ACCRUED UNDER THE AETNA INC. NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION PLAN (THE "PLAN")
- (1) PURSUANT TO DEFERRAL OF DIRECTOR FEES. SUBJECT TO TERMS OF PLAN, UNITS MAY BE SETTLED IN AETNA COMMON STOCK, IN CASH OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH UPON REPORTING PERSON'S RETIREMENT.
- (2) UNITS CONVERT TO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS.
- (3) INCLUDES 124.939 UNITS ACCRUED UNDER THE PLAN PURSUANT TO REINVESTMENT OF DIVIDEND EQUIVALENTS.

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