

HOLT TIMOTHY A
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HOLT TIMOTHY A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
151 FARMINGTON AVENUE
(Street)

HARTFORD, CT 06156

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/10/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Sr. VP & Chief Investment Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, 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)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/10/2005		M		2,272	A	\$ 26.4749
Common Stock	01/10/2005		M		23,948	A	\$ 26.15
Common Stock	01/10/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		26,220	D	\$ 126.0906
Common Stock							1,607.499
						I ⁽²⁾	401(K) Plan

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		
Employee Stock Option	\$ 26.4749	01/10/2005		D	2,272	02/28/2001 02/28/2010	Common Stock	2,272	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 26.15	01/10/2005		D	23,948	06/18/2002 06/18/2011	Common Stock	23,948	

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.	

Signatures

Timothy A. Holt by Judith H. Jones,
Attorney-in-Fact 01/11/2005

__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 sales reported were effected pursuant to a 10b-5 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) Represents pro rata portion of the stock portion of Aetna Common Stock Fund held by reporting person on December 31, 2004 pursuant to the Aetna Incentive Savings Plan. The information is based on information provided by the Plan Trustee as of that date.

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