NEWHOUSE JOSEPH P

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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NEWHOUSE JOSEPH P S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]					ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of (Month/D HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 180 03/30/20 LONGWOOD AVE			· ·					_X_ Director Officer (give below)	10%	Owner er (specify		
BOSTON,	(Street) MA 02115		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner.							ly Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deemed Execution Dany (Month/Day	Date, if	ate, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Year) (Instr. 8) (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)				
Common Stock	03/30/2005			Code V M	3,66		(D)	Price \$ 17.89	0	D		
Common Stock	03/30/2005			M	6,40	0	A	\$ 21.06	0	D		

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Common Stock	03/30/2005	S(1)	1,000	D	\$ 73	0	D
Common Stock	03/30/2005	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 73.1	0	D
Common Stock	03/30/2005	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 73.25	0	D
Common Stock	03/30/2005	S(1)	2,000	D	\$ 73.5	0	D
Common Stock	03/30/2005	S(1)	1,000	D	\$ 73.75	0	D
Common Stock	03/30/2005	S(1)	500	D	\$ 73.8	0	D
Common Stock	03/30/2005	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 73.98	0	D
Common Stock	03/30/2005	S <u>(1)</u>	66	D	\$ 73.99	1,001.0738 (2)	D

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. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Code Securities Acquired (Instr. 8) (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION [RIGHT TO BUY] (3)	\$ 17.89	03/30/2005		M		3,666	<u>(4)</u>	01/25/2012	COMMON STOCK
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY] (3)	\$ 21.06	03/30/2005		M		6,400	<u>(5)</u>	02/28/2013	COMMON STOCK
	<u>(7)</u>	03/31/2005		A	123.416		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	

PHANTOM STOCK UNITS (6) COMMON STOCK

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
NEWHOUSE JOSEPH P HARVARD UNIVERSITY 180 LONGWOOD AVE BOSTON, MA 02115	X							

Signatures

JOSEPH P. NEWHOUSE, BY PAIGE L. FALASCO, ATTORNEY IN FACT

04/01/2005

**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 SALE REPORTED WAS EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A 10b-5 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY THE REPORTING PERSON ON MARCH 2, 2005.
- (2) ON MARCH 11, 2005, AETNA INC.'S COMMON STOCK WAS SPLIT 2 FOR 1, RESULTING IN THE REPORTING PERSON'S ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL SHARES OF COMMON STOCK.
- (3) THIS OPTION HAS BEEN ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE COMPANY'S STOCK SPLIT ON MARCH 11, 2005.
- (4) OPTION GRANTED UNDER THE NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION PLAN (THE"PLAN") AND EXERCISABLE ON JANUARY 25, 2003 (3,666 SHARES), JANUARY 25, 2004 (3,666 SHARES) AND JANUARY 25, 2005 (3,667 SHARES).
- (5) OPTION GRANTED UNDER THE PLAN AND EXERCISABLE IN THREE EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 28, 2004.
 - UNITS ACCRUED UNDER THE PLAN PURSUANT TO DEFERRAL OF DIRECTOR FEES. SUBJECT TO TERMS OF PLAN,
- (6) UNITS MAY BE SETTLED IN AETNA COMMON STOCK, IN CASH OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH UPON REPORTING PERSON'S RETIREMENT.
- (7) UNITS CONVERT TO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE FOR ONE BASIS
- (8) UNITS HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE COMPANY'S STOCK SPLIT ON MARCH 11, 2005.

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