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FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad ROWE JOH	-	rting 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)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(===== un uppneuere)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
151 FARMINGTON AVENUE			04/18/2005	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
HARTFORD, CT 06156				_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 Owned

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	04/18/2005		S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 68.25	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005		S(1)(2)	800	D	\$ 68.27	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005		S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 68.28	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005		S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 68.41	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005		S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 68.45	0	I	By GRATS

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ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,600	D	\$ 68.49	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 68.5	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 68.61	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 68.64	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 68.65	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 68.67	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,000	D	\$ 68.71	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 68.73	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 68.74	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 68.76	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 68.77	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 68.8	0	I	by GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 68.82	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 68.83	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 68.85	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 68.87	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,500	D	\$ 69	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 69.01	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 69.03	0	I	By GRATS
ommon ock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 69.05	0	I	By GRATS
	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D		0	I	

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Common Stock					\$ 69.07			By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,300	D	\$ 69.12	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	1,000	D	\$ 69.18	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 69.29	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	04/18/2005	$S_{\underline{(1)(2)}}$	700	D	\$ 69.46	0	I	By GRATS

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	ınt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ROWE JOHN W 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156	X		Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer				
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Signatures

John W. Rowe by Paige L. Falasco, Attorney-in-Fact 04/20/2005

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**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 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the John W. Rowe 2004 GRAT on March 4, 2005 and a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the John W. Rowe 2003 GRAT on March 4, 2005.
- (2) THIS IS FORM 2 OF 3. The number of individual Table I line entries making up the sale reported exceeds the EDGAR system's limitations and, therefore, this filing is being made in three parts.

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