ROWE JOHN W Form 4 May 11, 2005

## FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** ROWE JOHN W			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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	(Sheen an approacte)		
151 FARMINGTON AVENUE		NUE	(Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2005	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer		
(Street) HARTFORD, CT 06156			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 Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non	-De	rivative S	ecurit	ties Acqui	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction (Code		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/09/2005		S(1)(2)		1,300	D	\$ 76.85	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005		S(1)(2)		300	D	\$ 76.88	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005		S(1)(2)		300	D	\$ 76.89	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005		S(1)(2)		400	D	\$ 76.9	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005		S(1)(2)		400	D	\$ 76.91	0	I	By GRATS

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Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	800	D	\$ 76.92	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 76.94	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	2,000	D	\$ 76.95	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 76.96	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 76.97	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	1,300	D	\$ 76.99	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 77.01	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 77.02	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 77.03	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 77.04	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 77.05	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 77.07	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 77.08	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 77.1	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/09/2005	S(1)(2)	800	D	\$ 77.11	22,000	D	
Common Stock						293.1	I (3)	By 401(k)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercis	sable and	7. Title and	d 8. Price of	9. Nu
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Relationships

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address				•	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		Other
ROWE JOHN W					

Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE X

HARTFORD, CT 06156

# **Signatures**

John W. Rowe by Judith H. Jones,

05/11/2005 Attorney-in-Fact

> \*\*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).
- The sale reported was effected pursuant to a Fule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the John W. Rowe 2004 GRAT on March 4, 2005 and a **(1)** Rule 10b5-1trading plan adopted by the John W. Rowe 2003 GRAT on March 4, 2005.
- THIS IS FORM 3 OF 3. The number of individual Table I line entries making up the sale reported exceeds the EDGAR system's **(2)** limitations and, therefore, this filing is being made in three parts.
- Represents the pro rata portion of the stock oprtion of Aetna Common Stock fund held by reporting person on April 29, 2005 pursuant to Aetna Inc. 401(k) Plan. The information is based on information provided by the Plan Trustee as of that date.

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