ROWE JOHN W
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FORM 4

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

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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 *
ROWE JOHN W
(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)
02/06/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director
_____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below)
_____ Other (specify below)
Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	02/06/2006		M		97,250	A	$ 13.1622	0	I	By GRAT
Common Stock	02/06/2006		M		15,250	A	$ 17.5058	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006		S (1)		8,925	D	$ 97.35	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006		S (1)		1,625	D	$ 97.37	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006		S (1)		200	D	$ 97.38	0	I	By GRATS

Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	15,540	D	$ 97.4	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	2,500	D	$ 97.42	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	2,500	D	$ 97.44	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	7,500	D	$ 97.45	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	1,525	D	$ 97.46	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	600	D	$ 97.47	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	2,600	D	$ 97.48	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	26,275	D	$ 97.5	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	300	D	$ 97.51	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	6,500	D	$ 97.55	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	700	D	$ 97.58	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	10,410	D	$ 97.6	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	800	D	$ 97.61	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	4,300	D	$ 97.65	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	200	D	$ 97.67	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	12,000	D	$ 97.7	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	1,000	D	$ 97.76	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S(1)	6,500	D	$ 98.07	22,000	D	
Common Stock						291.533 (2)	I	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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	$ 17.5058	02/06/2006		M			15,250	09/15/2001	09/15/2010	Common Stock	15,250
Employee Stock Option	$ 13.1622	02/06/2006		M			97,250	09/15/2001	09/15/2010	Common Stock	97,250

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	

Signatures

John W. Rowe by Judith H. Jones, Attorney-in-Fact	02/06/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The sale reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the John W. Rowe 2004 GRAT on October 6, 2005 and a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the John W. Rowe 2003 GRAT on October 6, 2005.

(2) Represents the pro rata portion of the stock portion of Aetna Common Stock fund held by reporting person on January 31, 2006 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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