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

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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		
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
151 FARMINGTON AVENUE			(Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% Owner		
			05/23/2005	_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) Tal	ble I - Non-D	ed, Disposed of, o	r Beneficially	y 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)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or		(D)	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)
Common Stock	05/23/2005		M	37,000	A	\$ 13.1622	0	I	By GRAT
Common Stock	05/23/2005		M	8,000	A	\$ 17.5058	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005		S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 75.24	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005		S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 75.25	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005		S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 75.27	0	I	By GRATS

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Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 75.29	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	1,600	D	\$ 75.3	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 75.31	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 75.32	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	1,400	D	\$ 75.33	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 75.34	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 75.35	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	800	D	\$ 75.36	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	1,700	D	\$ 75.39	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	800	D	\$ 75.41	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 75.42	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 75.43	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 75.47	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 75.49	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 75.5	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 75.57	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 75.59	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 75.6	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 75.61	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 75.62	0	I	By GRATS
	05/23/2005	$S_{\underline{(1)(2)}}$	600	D	\$ 75.63	0	I	

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Common Stock								By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 75.64	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 75.65	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	2,000	D	\$ 75.69	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	05/23/2005	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 75.7	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	orDerivative		orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.1622	05/23/2005		M		37,000	09/15/2001	09/15/2010	Common Stock	37,000				
Employee Stock Option	\$ 17.5058	05/23/2005		M		8,000	09/15/2001	09/15/2010	Common Stock	8,000				

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsnips					
	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 Judith H. Jones, Attorney-in-Fact

05/24/2005

\*\*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 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 1 OF 2. 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 two parts.

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