

ROWE JOHN W
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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)
02/21/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/21/2006 | | M | | 173,416 | A | \$ 6.5811 | 0 | I | By GRAT |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/21/2006 | | M | | 51,584 | A | \$ 8.7529 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | | S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | 25,500 | D | \$ 50 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | | S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | 3,000 | D | \$ 50.01 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | | S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | 100 | D | \$ 50.02 | 0 | I | By GRATS |

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|--------------|------------|----------------|--------|---|----------|---|---|----------|
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 2,500 | D | \$ 50.03 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 4,100 | D | \$ 50.04 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 3,800 | D | \$ 50.05 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 1,100 | D | \$ 50.06 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 5,250 | D | \$ 50.08 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 61,700 | D | \$ 50.1 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 6,200 | D | \$ 50.11 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 2,000 | D | \$ 50.12 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 4,200 | D | \$ 50.13 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 1,800 | D | \$ 50.14 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 23,050 | D | \$ 50.15 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 3,100 | D | \$ 50.16 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 600 | D | \$ 50.17 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 3,600 | D | \$ 50.19 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 23,900 | D | \$ 50.2 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 600 | D | \$ 50.21 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 1,700 | D | \$ 50.22 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 600 | D | \$ 50.23 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 3,600 | D | \$ 50.24 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 19,600 | D | \$ 50.25 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| | 02/21/2006 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 300 | D | \$ 50.27 | 0 | I | |

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|--------------|------------|---------|-------|---|----------|---|---|----------|
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | S(2)(3) | 100 | D | \$ 50.29 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | S(2)(3) | 7,500 | D | \$ 50.3 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | S(2)(3) | 2,500 | D | \$ 50.32 | 0 | I | By GRATS |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2006 | S(2)(3) | 1,300 | D | \$ 50.33 | 0 | I | By GRATS |

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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 Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 6.5811 | 02/21/2006 | | M | 173,416 | 09/15/2001 09/15/2010 | Common Stock | 173,416 | |
| Employee Stock Option ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 8.7529 | 02/21/2006 | | M | 51,584 | 09/15/2001 09/15/2010 | Common Stock | 51,584 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROWE JOHN W 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156 | X | | Chairman | |

Signatures

John W. Rowe by Paige L. Falasco,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/23/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) On February 17, 2006, Aetna Inc.'s Common Stock was split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of additional options and shares of Common Stock.
- (2) The sale reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b-5 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.
- (3) 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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