

AETNA INC /PA/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**WILLIAMS RONALD A**

(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)  
**03/23/2005**

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)  
**President**

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	03/23/2005		M		250,000	A	\$ 13.075
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S(1)(2)		100	D	\$ 74.04
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S(1)(2)		2,400	D	\$ 74.02
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S(1)(2)		1,700	D	\$ 74.01
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S(1)(2)		100	D	\$ 73.65

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Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 73.56 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 73.52 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 73.48 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	3,100	D	\$ 73.41 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 73.35 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,900	D	\$ 73.25 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,600	D	\$ 73.24 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	8,400	D	\$ 73.21 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	4,100	D	\$ 73.16 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	4,800	D	\$ 73.13 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 73.12 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	700	D	\$ 73.11 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 73.06 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	700	D	\$ 72.98 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 72.97 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	900	D	\$ 72.96 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 72.93 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 72.91 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 72.89 0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,500	D	\$ 72.88 0	D
	03/23/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 72.87 0	D

Common Stock							
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	2,600	D	\$ 72.86	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	100	D	\$ 72.85	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	4,500	D	\$ 72.84	0	D
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	400	D	\$ 72.83	0	D

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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Option <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 13.075	03/23/2005		M	250,000	06/18/2002	06/18/2011	Common Stock	250,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILLIAMS RONALD A 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156	X		President	

## Signatures

Judith H. Jones,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/24/2005

          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 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 18, 2005.
- (2) THIS FORM IS 1 OF 4. 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 four parts.
- (3) This option has been adjusted to reflect the Company's 2-for-1 stock split on March 11, 2005.
- (4) Total holdings reported on Form four of four.

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