AETNA INC /PA/ Form 4 February 15, 2006

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **ROWE JOHN W** Issuer Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE 02/13/2006 below) below) Chairman (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

HARTFORD, CT 06156

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		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	02/13/2006		M	97,250	A	\$ 13.1622	0	I	By GRAT		
Common Stock	02/13/2006		M	15,250	A	\$ 17.5058	0	I	By GRATS		
Common Stock	02/13/2006		S(1)(2)	2,700	D	\$ 99	0	I	By GRATS		
Common Stock	02/13/2006		S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 99.01	0	I	By GRATS		
Common Stock	02/13/2006		S(1)(2)	3,800	D	\$ 99.02	0	I	By GRATS		

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Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	1,500	D	\$ 99.03	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	3,200	D	\$ 99.05	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 99.06	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 99.07	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 99.08	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	7,900	D	\$ 99.1	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	1,000	D	\$ 99.11	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 99.13	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 99.14	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	4,100	D	\$ 99.15	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	1,400	D	\$ 99.16	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 99.17	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 99.18	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 99.19	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	9,400	D	\$ 99.2	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 99.22	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	3,800	D	\$ 99.23	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	3,200	D	\$ 99.24	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 99.25	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	6,100	D	\$ 99.35	0	I	By GRATS
	02/13/2006	$S_{\underline{(1)(2)}}$	200	D	\$ 99.36	0	I	

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Common Stock								By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 99.4	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	2,000	D	\$ 99.41	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	3,900	D	\$ 99.42	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 99.43	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)	5. Number of actionDerivative Securities 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) A)		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	\$ 13.1622	02/13/2006		M		97,250	09/15/2001	09/15/2010	Common Stock	97,250
Employee Stock Option	\$ 17.5058	02/13/2006		M		15,250	09/15/2001	09/15/2010	Common Stock	15,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ROWE JOHN W							
151 FARMINGTON AVENUE	X		Chairman				
HARTFORD, CT 06156							

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John W. Rowe by Judith H. Jones, Attorney-in-Fact

02/14/2006

**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) 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.
- (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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