

HOLT TIMOTHY A  
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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 \*  
HOLT TIMOTHY 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)  
12/19/2005

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)  
Sr. VP & Chief Investment Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/19/2005		M		\$ 15,000 13.075	0	D
Common Stock	12/19/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,500 \$ 96.61	0	D
Common Stock	12/19/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		800 \$ 94.3	0	D
Common Stock	12/19/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		700 \$ 94.25	0	D
Common Stock	12/19/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		400 \$ 94.36	0	D

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Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 94.35	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	800	D	\$ 94.04	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 94.63	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	1,100	D	\$ 94.57	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	2,300	D	\$ 94.8	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 94.66	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	2,100	D	\$ 94.65	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 94.62	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 94.61	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 94.6	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 94.46	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	1,100	D	\$ 94.44	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	600	D	\$ 94.57	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 94.56	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 94.55	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 94.83	0		D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 94.81	45,696		D
Common Stock						3,175.1684	I	401(k) Plan
						<u>(2)</u>		

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	\$ 13.075	12/19/2005		M	15,000	06/18/2002	06/18/2011	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOLT TIMOTHY A 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156			Sr. VP & Chief Investment Off.	

## Signatures

Timothy A. Holt by Judith H. Jones,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/13/2005

\*\*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 10b-5 trading plan adopted by reporting person on October 31, 2005.

(2) Represents the pro rata portion of the stock portion of Aetna Common Stock Fund held by reporting person on November 30, 2005 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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