ROWE JOHN W Form 4 February 03, 2006

FORM 4

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ROWE JOHN W			2. Issuer Name and 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)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
151 FARMINGTON AVENUE			02/01/2006	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer		
				Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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Person

HARTFORD, CT 06156

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit ord Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` ′	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	02/01/2006		M	47,250	A	\$ 13.1622	0	I	By GRAT
Common Stock	02/01/2006		M	50,000	A	\$ 13.075	0	I	By GRAT
Common Stock	02/01/2006		M	15,250	A	\$ 17.5058	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006		S(1)	15,015	D	\$ 97.5	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	11,250	D	\$ 96	0	I	By GRATS

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Common Stock	02/01/2006	S(1)	5,750	D	\$ 97.03	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006	S(1)	1,520	D	\$ 97.07	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006	S(1)	220	D	\$ 97.12	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006	S(1)	2,000	D	\$ 97.14	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	800	D	\$ 97.15	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006	S(1)	5,200	D	\$ 97.16	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006	S(1)	1,500	D	\$ 97.17	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006	S(1)	9,250	D	\$ 97.2	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006	S(1)	2,000	D	\$ 97.28	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006	S(1)	13,500	D	\$ 97.35	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006	S(1)	8,900	D	\$ 97.4	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006	S(1)	2,000	D	\$ 97.42	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006	S(1)	100	D	\$ 97.45	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006	S(1)	22,245	D	\$ 97.5	0	I	By GRATS
Common Stock	02/01/2006	S(1)	11,250	D	\$ 97.65	22,000	D	
Common Stock						291.533 (2)	I	401(k) Plan

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)

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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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	tion	orDerivative Securities		Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 17.5058	02/01/2006		M			15,250	09/15/2001	09/15/2010	Common Stock	15,250
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.1622	02/01/2006		M			47,250	09/15/2001	09/15/2010	Common Stock	47,250
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.075	02/01/2006		M			50,000	06/18/2002	06/18/2011	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

02/03/2006

**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 10b5-1 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) Represents the pro rata portion of the stock portion of Aetna Common Stock fund held by reporting person on January 31, 2006 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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