

AETNA INC /PA/
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FORM 4

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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)
03/18/2005

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | 03/18/2005 | | S(1)(2) | | 700 | D | \$ 73.17 |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | | S(1)(2) | | 2,600 | D | \$ 73.15 |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | | S(1)(2) | | 500 | D | \$ 73.14 |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | | S(1)(2) | | 700 | D | \$ 73.12 |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | | S(1)(2) | | 800 | D | \$ 73.1 |

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- (3) Includes 60,000 shares held in Williams Family Trust of which Mr. Williams and spouse are sole trustees and beneficiaries.
- (4) Shares held in Guaranteed Retained Annuity Trust of which Mr. Williams is the sole trustee.
- (5) On March 11, 2005, Aetna Inc.'s Common Stock was split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of additional shares of Common Stock.

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