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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 *
McCarthy Margaret M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
AETNA INC., 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/07/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Operations & Technology

HARTFORD, CT 06156

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(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) | 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 | 12/07/2012 | | M | 44,752 (1) A (2) | 110,174 (3) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2012 | | F | 19,782 D \$ 44.71 | 90,392 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2012 | | M | 58,373 (4) A (5) | 148,765 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2012 | | F | 25,802 D \$ 44.71 | 122,963 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,375.5443 | I | By 401(k) Plan |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Performance Stock Units | (2) | 12/07/2012 | | M | 22,376 | (6) (6) | Common Stock | 22,376 |
| Market Stock Units | (5) | 12/07/2012 | | M | 50,157 | (7) (7) | Common Stock | 50,157 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| McCarthy Margaret M AETNA INC. 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156 | | | EVP, Operations & Technology | |

Signatures

Margaret M. McCarthy by Judith H. Jones, Attorney
-in-fact 12/11/2012

__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) Represents vesting of previously reported Performance Stock Units granted under the 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) Each Performance Stock Unit represented a right to receive up to two shares of Aetna Inc. Common Stock net of taxes.
- (3) Includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestment.
- (4) Represents vesting of previously reported Market Stock Units granted under the Aetna Inc 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.

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- (5) Each Market Stock Unit represented a right to receive up to 1.5 shares of Aetna Inc. Common Stock net of taxes. Vesting amount was determined based on the weighted average closing stock price for the thirty trading days prior to the vest date.
- (6) Performance Stock Units granted under the Aetna Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (7) Market Stock Units granted under the Aetna Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.

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