

Casazza William James
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Casazza William James (Last) (First) (Middle) 151 FARMINGTON AVNEUE (Street) HARTFORD,Â CTÂ 06156 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 09/06/2005 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Sr VP, Gen. Coun. & Corp. Sec. | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 20,804 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 418 | I | Held in Custodial Account for Children |
| Common Stock | 2,689.6732 ⁽¹⁾ | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
|---|---|--|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title | Amount or Number of Shares | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| Employee Stock Option | 02/27/2004 | 02/27/2013 | Common Stock | 38,000 | \$ 20.94 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option | 12/31/2004 | 02/13/2014 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$ 38.75 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option | 06/30/2005 | 02/11/2015 | Common Stock | 11,400 | \$ 66.75 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Casazza William James 151 FARMINGTON AVNEUE HARTFORD, CT 06156 | Â | Â | Â Sr VP, Gen. Coun. & Corp. Sec. | Â |

Signatures

/s/ William J. Casazza 09/13/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 pro rata share of the stock portion of Aetna Common Stock Fund held by reporting person on August 31, 2005 pursuant to Aetna 401(k) Plan. The information is based on information provided by the Plan Trustee as of that date.

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