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See Instruction 1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

RODIN JUI	OITH	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]				S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) THE ROCK FOUNDAT	, , ,	(Month/Da 04/29/20	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/29/2005				109	6 Owner er (specify		
NEW YORI	(Street) K, NY 10018		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly 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 onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D)	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						920	D			

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	ate	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
PHANTOM STOCK UNITS (1)	<u>(2)</u>	04/29/2005		A	13.63	(1)	<u>(1)</u>	COMMON STOCK	13.63

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RODIN JUDITH

THE POCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION 420 FIFTH AVE NEW YORK, NY 10018



Signatures

JUDITH RODIN, BY PAIGE L. FALASCO, ATTORNEY IN FACT

05/02/2005

**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).

UNITS ACCRUED UNDER THE AETNA INC. NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION PLAN (THE "PLAN")

- (1) PURSUANT TO DEFERRAL OF DIRECTOR FEES. SUBJECT TO TERMS OF PLAN, UNITS MAY BE SETTLED IN AETNA COMMON STOCK, IN CASH OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH UPON REPORTING PERSON'S RETIREMENT.
- (2) UNITS CONVERT TO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE FOR ONE BASIS.

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