**AETNA INC /PA/** Form 4 July 27, 2005

# FORM 4

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1(b).

Stock

LUDWIG E	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]			Issuer			
	(First) (M DICKINSON ANI 7, 1 BECTON DR	(Month/D) 07/26/20	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/26/2005			(Check all applicable)  _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
FRANKLIN	(Street) J LAKES, NJ 074	Filed(Mon	ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	Č		6. Individual or Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person		erson
(City)	(State) (	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecurities 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. Transaction 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						4,000	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ive Expiration Date les (Month/Day/Year) ed (A) osed of		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>	07/26/2005		A	13.193	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	13.193

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
LUDWIG EDWARD J BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY 1 BECTON DRIVE	X				
FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417					

### **Signatures**

EDWARD J. LUDWIG by Paige L. Falasco, Attorney-in -Fact 07/27/2005

\*\*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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