

AETNA INC /PA/
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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 *
CALLEN CRAIG R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

AETNA INC., 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)
02/21/2006

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)

SVP, Strat. Plan. & Bus. Dev.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 ⁽¹⁾	02/21/2006		M		20,000	A	\$ 20.6875
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽²⁾		1,000	D	\$ 50.01
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽²⁾		1,500	D	\$ 50.04
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽²⁾		3,000	D	\$ 50.05
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽²⁾		5,500	D	\$ 50.1

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Common Stock	02/21/2006	S ⁽²⁾	2,000	D	\$ 50.15	0	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S ⁽²⁾	2,000	D	\$ 50.2	0	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S ⁽²⁾	3,000	D	\$ 50.25	0	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S ⁽²⁾	2,000	D	\$ 50.35	4,000 ⁽¹⁾	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)**

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option ⁽¹⁾	\$ 20.6875	02/21/2006		M	20,000	12/31/2004	04/30/2014	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CALLEN CRAIG R AETNA INC. 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156			SVP, Strat. Plan. & Bus. Dev.	

Signatures

Craig R. Callen by Paige L. Falasco,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/23/2006

 **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) On February 17, 2006, Aetna Inc.'s Common Stock was split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of additional options and shares of Common Stock.
- (2) The sale reported was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 14, 2005.

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