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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HACKMAN FRANKLIN **BARBARA**

> (First) (Middle) (Last)

THE WATERGATE OFFICE **BUILDLING, 2600 VIRGINIA** AVENUE, N.W. SUITE 50

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/28/2006

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

(Street)

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

> 18,366.33 (1) D

Common Stock

(City)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	4. 5. Number 6. Da		cisable and	7. Title and Amount of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction Derivative				Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code Securities		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired				
	Derivative				(A) or				
	Security				Disposed of				
				(D)					
					(Instr. 3, 4,				
					and 5)				
									Amount
						Date	Expiration	Title	Or
						Exercisable Da	Date	Title	
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares
PHANTOM									
STOCK	<u>(3)</u>	04/28/2006		A	1,309	(2)	(2)	COMMON STOCK	1,309
PHANTOM STOCK UNITS (2)	<u>(3)</u>	04/28/2006				Exercisable	Date	Title COMMON STOCK	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HACKMAN FRANKLIN BARBARA
THE WATERGATE OFFICE BUILDLING
2600 VIRGINIA AVENUE, N.W. SUITE 50
WASHINGTON, DC 20037

Signatures

BARBARA HACKMAN FRANKLIN, BY PAIGE L. FALASCO, ATTORNEY IN FACT

05/01/2006

**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 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK.
- UNITS GRANTED UNDER THE AETNA INC. NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION PLAN (THE "PLAN"). SUBJECT
- (2) TO TERMS OF PLAN, UNITS MAY BE SETTLED IN AETNA COMMON STOCK, IN CASH OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH UPON REPORTING PERSON'S RETIREMENT.
- (3) UNITS CONVERT TO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE FOR ONE BASIS.
- (4) UNITS HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE COMPANY'S STOCK SPLIT ON FEBRUARY 17, 2006.

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