Casazza William James Form 4 March 11, 2010

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr. VP & General Counsel		
(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
MINGTON	(Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2010			
	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
	(Middle) MINGTON	Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET] (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2010 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	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 or(A) or Di (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	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 Stock	03/10/2010		M	13,206 (1)	A	(2)	0	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2010		F	4,154 (3)	D	\$ 31.65	48,539	D	
Common Stock							3,549 <u>(4)</u>	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock							836	I	Held in Custodial Account

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration I (Month/Day	Date	7. Title and Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8 I S (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/10/2010		M	13,20	o6 <u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	13,206	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Casazza William James AETNA INC. 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156			Sr. VP & General Counsel				

Signatures

William J. Casazza by Judith H. Jones, Attorney
-in-fact
03/11/2010

**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) Represents vesting of previously reported Restricted Stock Units granted under the Aetna Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one share of Aetna Inc. Common Stock net of taxes.
- (3) Represents tax withholding on vesting of previously reported Restricted Stock Units.
- (4) Represents the pro rata portion of the stock portion of Aetna Common Stock Fund held by reporting person on February 26, 2010. The information is based on information provided by the Plan Trustee as of that date.

(5) Restricted Stock Units granted under the Aetna Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

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