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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

Check this box if no longer

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

McCarthy Margaret M

(First) (Middle) (Last)

AETNA INC., 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE

(Street)

HARTFORD, CT 06156

(City)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

04/26/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities

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

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Issuer

below)

Person

5. Amount of

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

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6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

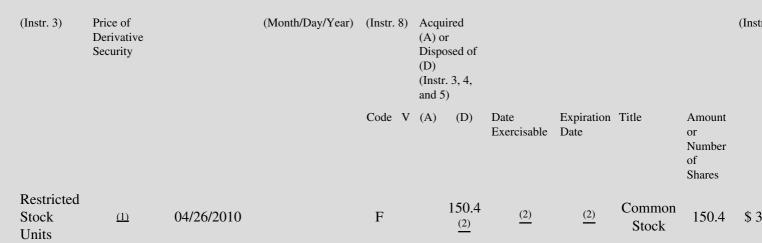
Indirect

Estimated average

burden hours per

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr **Underlying Securities** Deri Secu

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McCarthy Margaret M AETNA INC. 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156

CIO/SVP/Innov, Tech & Serv Ops

Signatures

Margaret M. McCarthy by Judith H. Jones, Attorney -in-fact

04/28/2010

**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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one share of Aetna Inc. Common Stock net of taxes.
- (2) Represents tax withholding on vesting of previously reported Restricted Stock Units. Upon vesting units were automatically deferred net of taxes to deferred stock unit account; dividend equivalents are reinvested.
- (3) 6954.60 represents vested deferred stock units, 7106 represents remaining unvested RSUs. RSUs were previously granted under the Aetna 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

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