AETNA INC /PA/ Form 4 May 25, 2010

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add NEWHOUSE	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (Mic	, 8.24.6 012		saction			ck all applicable	
HARVARD U LONGWOOD	•	(Month/Day/Year) 05/21/2010			_X_ Director Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify	
	(Street)	4. If Amend	4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
BOSTON, MA	Filed(Month	Filed(Month/Day/Year)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (Z	Table l	I - Non-Dei	rivative Se	curities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	,	(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)	
COMMON STOCK						2,000	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)

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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 on 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)		8. P Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/21/2010		A	5,568	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	5,568	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
NEWHOUSE JOSEPH P HARVARD UNIVERSITY 180 LONGWOOD AVE BOSTON, MA 02115	X					

Signatures

JOSEPH P. NEWHOUSE, by Melinda Westbrook, Attorney in Fact 05/25/2010

**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) Units convert to Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.

Restricted Stock Units granted under the Aetna Inc. 2010 Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). Subject to terms of (2) the Plan, units will vest in four equal installments (1,392 units) on August 21, 2010, November 21, 2010, February 21, 2011 and May 21, 2011 with payment of the units deferred until May 21, 2011. Upon payment date, units will be deferred to a stock unit account.

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