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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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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NEWHOUSE JOSEPH P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Last)

AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

05/31/2011

LONGWOOD AVE

(Street)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 180

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

BOSTON, MA 02115

| (City) | (State) (Zi | Table 1 | I - Non-Dei | rivative S | ecurit | ies Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y 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) | (Instr. 3, | (A) or | d 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 | 05/31/2011 | | Code V M | Amount 9,765 | () | | 11,765 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/31/2011 | | F | 2,000 | D | \$ 43.68 | 9,765 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/31/2011 | | D | 7,765 | D | \$ 43.68 | 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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number out of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | erivative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year uired or cosed of | | 7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amour or Numb of Shares |
| DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION | \$ 8.945 | 05/31/2011 | M | 9,765 | <u>(1)</u> | 01/25/2012 | COMMON STOCK | 9,76 |
| STOCK UNITS | (2) | 05/31/2011 | A | 7,765 | (3) | 01/25/2012 | COMMON STOCK | 7,76 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

JOSEPH P. NEWHOUSE, by Judith H. Jones, Attorney in Fact 06/02/2011

**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) PREVIOUSLY REPORTED OPTIONS GRANTED UNDER THE NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION PLAN, EXERCISABLE IN THREE ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING JANUARY 25, 2003.
- (2) UNITS CONVERT TO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS.
- (3) GAIN FROM EXERCISE OF STOCK OPTION DEFERRED TO STOCK UNIT ACCOUNT. ACCOUNT WILL BE PAID OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD FOLLOWING TERMINATION FROM SERVICE AS A DIRECTOR.

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