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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

09/28/2012

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NEWHOUSE JOSEPH P			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(11181) (1	viiddie)			ansaction			W D'	100		
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 180 LONGWOOD AVE			(Month/Day/Year) 09/28/2012					X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street) 4. If Ame			4. If Amer	endment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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BOSTON, MA 02115								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		med n Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi on(A) or D			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct		
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/I	Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	09/28/2012			M	6,400	A	\$ 10.53	8,400	D		
Common	00/28/2012			c	6.400	D	\$	2,000	D		

6,400

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Acqui (A) or	erivative rities ired rosed of : 3, 4,	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTIONS	\$ 10.53	09/28/2012		M		6,400	<u>(1)</u>	02/28/2013	Common Stock	6,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Topolong of the Fund of Fundament	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

**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 (THE "PLAN"), WHICH VESTED IN THREE ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 28, 2004.

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