

AETNA INC /PA/
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HANCOCK ELLEN M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P.O. BOX 169

(Street)

RIDGEFIELD, CT 06877

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/31/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	08/31/2009		M	2,565 A \$ 10.53	0	D	
COMMON STOCK	08/31/2009		M	1,990 A \$ 8.945	0	D	
COMMON STOCK	08/31/2009		F ⁽¹⁾	1,573 D \$ 28.5	0	D	
COMMON STOCK	09/01/2009		G ⁽²⁾	V 2,473 D \$ 0	0	D	
COMMON STOCK	09/02/2009		G ⁽²⁾	V 474 D \$ 0	8,035	D	
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- * 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) Payment of exercise price by delivering previously owned shares in connection with the exercise of stock options; transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Gifts to charitable organizations.
- (3) Previously reported options granted under the Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan, exercisable in three annual installments beginning January 25, 2003.
- (4) Previously reported options granted under the Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan, exercisable in three annual installments beginning February 28, 2004.
- (5) These options have been adjusted to reflect the Company's stock splits on March 11, 2005 and February 17, 2006.

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