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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AETNA INC /PA/ [AET] A Casazza William James (Month/Day/Year) 09/06/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 151 FARMINGTON AVNEUE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) HARTFORD. CTÂ 06156 Form filed by More than One Sr VP, Gen. Coun. & Corp. Sec. Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 20,804 Held in Custodial Account for Common Stock I 418 Children Common Stock $2,689.6732 \frac{(1)}{}$ I 401(k) Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and Ginstr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial

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			Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative	Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option	02/27/2004	02/27/2013	Common Stock	38,000	\$ 20.94	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	12/31/2004	02/13/2014	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 38.75	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	06/30/2005	02/11/2015	Common Stock	11,400	\$ 66.75	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
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Casazza William James 151 FARMINGTON AVNEUE HARTFORD, CT 06156	Â	Â	Sr VP, Gen. Coun. & Corp. Sec.	Â	

Signatures

/s/ William J.
Casazza

**Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Represents pro rata share of the stock portion of Aetna Common Stock Fund held by reporting person on August 31, 2005 pursuant to Aetna 401(k) Plan. The information is based on information provided by the Plan Trustee as of that date.

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