

GARTEN JEFFREY E
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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 *
GARTEN JEFFREY E

 (Last) (First) (Middle)

YALE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, 135 PROSPECT STREET

 (Street)

NEW HAVEN, CT 06511

 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/10/2006

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
COMMON STOCK	02/13/2006		M	260	A 660	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/10/2006		A	502	(2) (2)	COMMON STOCK	502
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/13/2006		M	260	(3) (3)	COMMON STOCK	260

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARTEN JEFFREY E YALE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT 135 PROSPECT STREET NEW HAVEN, CT 06511			X	

Signatures

JEFFREY E. GARTEN, BY Paige L. Falasco, Attorney-in-Fact 02/13/2006

**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 ARE CONVERTIBLE INTO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE FOR ONE BASIS
- (2) RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS ISSUED UNDER THE AETNA INC. NONEMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION PLAN (THE "PLAN"). SUBJECT TO TERMS OF THE PLAN, THE UNITS WILL VEST IN THREE ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 10, 2007 (168 UNITS), FEBRUARY 10, 2008 (167 UNITS) AND FEBRUARY 10, 2009 (167 UNITS). UNITS ARE CONVERTIBLE INTO AETNA COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS.
- (3) RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS ISSUED UNDER THE PLAN. THE UNITS VEST IN THREE EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 11, 2006. UNITS ARE CONVERTIBLE INTO AETNA COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS..

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