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## FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **LUDWIG EDWARD J** Issuer Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title \_ Other (specify BECTON, DICKINSON AND 12/29/2006 below) COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-De	erivative Sec	curities Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transactio	4. Securities on Acquired (A Disposed of	A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
(		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 a	` /	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock						8,000	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)

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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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. Number of ctionDerivative Securities 8) 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)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour Number Shares
PHANTOM STOCK UNITS (1)	<u>(2)</u>	12/29/2006		A		277.906		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	277.9
PHANTOM STOCK UNITS	<u>(2)</u>	11/30/2006(4)		M	V	0.504		(3)	(3)	COMMON STOCK	0.50

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
LUDWIG EDWARD J						
BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY	X					
1 BECTON DRIVE	Λ					
FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417						

## **Signatures**

EDWARD J. LUDWIG by Paige L. Falasco, 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).
- UNITS ACCRUED UNDER THE AETNA INC. NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION PLAN (THE "PLAN")

  (1) PURSUANT TO DEFERRAL OF DIRECTOR FEES. SUBJECT TO TERMS OF PLAN, UNITS MAY BE SETTLED IN AETNA COMMON STOCK, IN CASH OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH UPON REPORTING PERSON'S RETIREMENT.
- (2) UNITS CONVERT TO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE FOR ONE BASIS.
- (3) UNITS ACCRUED UNDER THE PLAN PURSUANT TO DEFERRAL OF VESTED RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS. UNITS ARE SETTLED IN AETNA COMMON STOCK UPON REPORTING PERSON'S RETIREMENT.
- (4) .504 UNITS ACCRUED UNDER THE PLAN PURSUANT TO REINVESTMENT OF DIVIDEND EQUIVALENTS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2006.

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