GARTEN JEFFREY E

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **GARTEN JEFFREY E** Issuer Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title YALE SCHOOL OF 02/09/2009 MANAGEMENT, 135 PROSPECT **STREET** (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

NEW HAVEN, CT 06511

Person

(City)	(State) (Zip	Table I	- Non-Deri	ivative Sec	curiti	es Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
COMMON STOCK	02/09/2009		M	463	A	<u>(1)</u>	0	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/10/2009		M	334	A	<u>(1)</u>	4,291	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 Conversion or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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)		88 II SS ((
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/09/2009		M	463	(2)	(2)	COMMON STOCK	463	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/10/2009		M	334	(3)	(3)	COMMON STOCK	334	

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 Melinda Westbrook, Attorney-in-Fact 02/11/2009

**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) RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS ARE CONVERTIBLE INTO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS.
- RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED UNDER THE AETNA INC. NONEMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION PLAN (2) (THE "PLAN"). UNITS VEST IN THREE ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS ON FEBRUARY 9, 2008 (464 UNITS), FEBRUARY 9, 2009 (463 UNITS) AND FEBRUARY 9, 2010 (464 UNITS).
- (3) RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED UNDER THE PLAN. UNITS VEST IN THREE ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS ON FEBRUARY 10, 2007 (336 UNITS), FEBRUARY 10, 2008 (334 UNITS) AND FEBRUARY 10, 2009 (334 UNITS).

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