

LUDWIG EDWARD J  
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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 \*  
**LUDWIG EDWARD J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE**

(Street)

**FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/29/2009**

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)  
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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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK					8,927	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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/29/2009		A	5,975	(2) (2)	Common Stock	5,975

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

EDWARD J. LUDWIG, by Melinda Westbrook, Attorney in Fact 06/01/2009

\*\*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) Units convert to Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.

(2) Restricted Stock Units granted under the Aetna Inc. Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). Subject to terms of the Plan, units will vest in four installments on August 29, 2009 [1,493 units], November 29, 2009 [1,494 units], February 28, 2010 [1,494 units] and May 29, 2010 [1,494 units], with payment of the units deferred until May 29, 2010. Upon payment date, units will be deferred to a cash account.

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