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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add BENNETT A	•	ting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
AETNA INC. AVENUE	, 151 FARI	MINGTON	12/11/2006	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
AVENUE				Senior Vice President & CFO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
HARTFORD,	CT 06156			_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqui	red, 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)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie order Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (E and 5) (A) or)) 	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/11/2006		Code V M	Amount 199,900	(D)	Price \$ 19.375	0	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	199,900	D	\$ 43	51,968	D	
Common Stock							10,765.1735 (2)	I	By 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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7. Title and Amount

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

Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Acqui Dispo		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun Numbe Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 19.375	12/11/2006		M		199,900	02/13/2005	02/13/2014	Common Stock	199,9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

12/12/2006

BENNETT ALAN M AETNA INC. 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156

Senior Vice President & CFO

Signatures

1. Title of

Alan M. Bennett by Judith H. Jones, 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).
- (1) Sale was effected purusant to a Rule 10b-5 trading plan adopted by reporting person on October 30, 2006.
- (2) Represents the pro rata portion of the stock portion of Aetna Common Stock Fund held by reporting person on November 30, 2006 pursuant to Aetna Inc. 401(k) Plan. The information is based on information provided by the Plan Trustee as of that date.

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