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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AETNA INC /PA/ [AET] McCarthy Margaret M (Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person HARTFORD, CTÂ 06156 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One CIO/SVP/Innov, Tech & Serv Reporting Person Ops (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock 10,476 D Â Common Stock 946 (1) By 401(k) Ι

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

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

1. Title of Derivative 3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of 2. Date Exercisable and 5. Security **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 4) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Options	02/11/2006(2)	02/11/2015	Common Stock	6,204	\$ 33.375	D	Â
Employee Stock Options	06/23/2006(2)	06/23/2015	Common Stock	12,460	\$ 41.54	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/10/2007(3)	02/10/2016	Common Stock	23,310	\$ 50.205	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/09/2008(3)	02/09/2017	Common Stock	49,380	\$ 42.57	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit	11/12/2008(4)	12/12/2010	Common Stock	556	\$ <u>(5)</u>	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	11/12/2008(3)	11/12/2017	Common Stock	11,687	\$ 53.96	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/08/2009(3)	02/08/2018	Common Stock	73,636	\$ 50.7	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit	04/25/2009(4)	05/25/2011	Common Stock	14,211	\$ <u>(5)</u>	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/13/2010(3)	02/13/2019	Common Stock	130,801	\$ 32.11	D	Â
Market Stock Unit	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	53,767	\$ <u>(7)</u>	D	Â
Stock Units	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	6,967	\$ (8)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
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McCarthy Margaret M 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156	Â	Â	CIO/SVP/Innov, Tech & Serv Ops	Â		

Signatures

Margaret M. McCarthy by Judith H. Jones, Attorney-in-Fact 03/08/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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- (1) Represents the pro rata portion of the stock portion of Aetna Common Stock Fund held by reporting person on February 26, 2010. The information is based on information provided by the Plan Trustee as of that date.
- (2) Stock Option granted under the Aetna Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (3) Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Aetna Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units granted under the Aetna Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (5) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one share of Aetna Inc. Common Stock net of taxes.
- (6) Market Stock Units granted under the Aetna Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, units will vest on 3/8/12.
- (7) Each Market Stock Unit represents a right to receive up to 1.5 shares of Aetna Inc. Common Stock net of taxes, depending on the weighted average closing stock price for the thirty day trading days prior to the vest date.
- (8) Reflects deferred stock unit account. Each unit represents a right to receive one share of Common Stock net of taxes 6 months following termination of employment.

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