

AETNA INC /PA/
Form 8-K
September 12, 2008

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 9, 2008

Aetna Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Pennsylvania (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 1-16095 (Commission File Number) | 23-2229683 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT (Address of principal executive offices) | 06156 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (860) 273-0123

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: Not applicable

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Section 1 – Registrant's Business and Operations

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On September 9, 2008, Aetna Inc. (the “Company”) executed a Pricing Agreement (the “Pricing Agreement”) with Banc of America Securities LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., as representatives of the underwriters named in Schedule I thereto (together, the “Underwriters”), pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell to the Underwriters \$500 million aggregate principal amount of its 6.50% senior notes due September 15, 2018 (the “Senior Notes”). The Pricing Agreement incorporated by reference the terms of a previously-filed Underwriting Agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) of the Company dated as of June 6, 2006. The sale of the Senior Notes was registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission in a Registration Statement on Form S-3, File No. 333-130126. The Senior Notes were offered pursuant to a prospectus dated December 5, 2005 and a prospectus supplement dated September 9, 2008. The closing of the sale of the Senior Notes occurred on September 12, 2008.

The Underwriting Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report, and the Pricing Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 1.2 to this Current Report, are incorporated by reference herein in response to this Item 1.01.

Section 7 – Regulation FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 12, 2008, the Company issued a press release announcing the completion of the offering and sale of the Senior Notes. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

Section 8 – Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events.

In connection with the offering and sale of the Senior Notes, an officers’ certificate of the Company was executed to establish and designate the Senior Notes and the terms and characteristics of the Senior Notes (the “Officers’ Certificate”). The Senior Notes were issued, and the Officers’ Certificate was executed, pursuant to the Senior Indenture dated as of March 2, 2001 between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor in interest to State Street Bank and Trust Company, as trustee.

The Officers’ Certificate is filed as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated by reference herein in response to this Item 8.01.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement of Aetna Inc. dated as of June 6, 2006, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to Aetna Inc.’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 9, 2006
- 1.2 Pricing Agreement between Aetna Inc. and Banc of America Securities LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., as representatives of the Underwriters named in Schedule I thereto, dated as of September 9, 2008
- 4.1 Officers’ Certificate dated September 12, 2008 establishing and designating the Senior Notes
- 99.1 Press Release of Aetna Inc. dated September 12, 2008

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Aetna Inc.

Date: September 12, 2008

By: /s/ Rajan Parmeswar

Name: Rajan Parmeswar

Title: Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer