

GARTEN JEFFREY E
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GARTEN JEFFREY E

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
YALE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, 135 PROSPECT STREET

 (Street)
NEW HAVEN, CT 06511

 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/09/2009

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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)
				Code	V	Amount			
COMMON STOCK	02/09/2009		M			463	A	0	D
COMMON STOCK	02/10/2009		M			334	A	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)

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 Deri Secu (Inst	
				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 (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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