AETNA INC /PA/ Form 8-K December 19, 2007

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): December 18, 2007

Aetna Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania1-1609523-2229683(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)(Commission File Number)(IRS Employer Identification No.)

151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT(Address of principal executive offices) **06156**(Zip Code)

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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Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 18, 2007, Aetna Inc. ("Aetna") issued a press release announcing that Timothy A. Holt, Aetna's Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, plans to retire in the first quarter of 2008. A copy of that press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and hereby incorporated in this Item 5.02 by reference.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press release of Aetna Inc. dated December 18, 2007 announcing the planned retirement of Timothy A. Holt, Aetna's Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer.

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: December 19, 2007 By: /s/ Ronald M. Olejniczak

Name: Ronald M. Olejniczak

Title: Vice President and Controller

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Exhibit

Number Description

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