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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>CULLEN JAMES</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR</u> <u>ATTN. CORPORATE COMPLIANCE</u> (Street) <u>NEWARK</u> <u>NJ</u> <u>07102</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL INC</u> [<u>PRU</u>] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/16/2017</u>	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 of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person ☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Notional Shares - Mandatory	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	03/16/2017		A		194		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	194	\$111.62	29,155	D	
Notional Shares - Optional	\$0 ⁽³⁾	03/16/2017		A		86		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	86	\$111.62	13,030	D	
2016 Restricted Stock Units	\$0 ⁽⁵⁾	03/16/2017		A		13		(6)	(6)	Common Stock	13	\$111.62	2,006	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each notional share - mandatory represents a deferred stock unit and entitles the holder thereof with the right to receive one share of Issuer common stock under the Issuer's deferred compensation plan for non-employee directors.
2. Such shares are issuable, at the election of the reporting person, to begin on either (i) a date prior to the reporting person's retirement date, provided that such date is no earlier than the January 1 in the year following the plan period during which such fees would otherwise have been payable to the reporting person, (ii) within 90 days following the reporting person's retirement date, or (iii) such later date as selected by the reporting person, provided however, that payment must commence in the year the reporting person attains age 70 1/2.
3. Each notional share - optional represents a deferred stock unit and entitles the holder thereof with the right to receive one share of Issuer common stock or the cash value thereof under the Issuer's deferred compensation plan for non-employee directors.
4. Such shares are payable in common stock or cash, at the election of the reporting person, with payment to begin, at the election of the reporting person provided that such date shall be at least two (2) years after the end of the plan year with respect to which such elective deferrals relate. The reporting person may transfer his investment in the notional shares - optional to an alternative investment account, subject to the terms of the Issuer's deferred compensation plan for non-employee directors.
5. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive the economic equivalent of one share of PRU common stock.
6. The restricted stock units vest the earlier of the annual meeting or in one year on May 10, 2017.

/s/Andrew Hughes, attorney-in-fact 03/20/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person _____ Date _____

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

* 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).

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