

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
Grier, Mark B.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

c/o Prudential Financial, Inc., Corporate Compliance
751 Broad Street, 4th floor

(Street)

Newark, NJ 07102-3777

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Prudential Financial, Inc. (PRU)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)

4. Statement for (Month/Year)
December 18, 2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

X Officer Other

Officer/Other Description Vice Chairman

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
X Individual Filing
Joint/Group Filing

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code and Voluntary Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
		Code V	Amount A/D Price			

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).

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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)	4. Transaction Code and Voluntary (V) Code (Instr.8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3,4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr.4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4)
			Code V		(DE) (ED)					
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$32.00	12/18/2002	A	(A) 81,789	(1) 12/18/2012	Common Stock - 81,789		81,789	D	

Explanation of Responses :

** 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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By: /s/ Kathleen M. Gibson
** Signature of Reporting Person Date
Power of Attorney

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Explanation of responses:

(1) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on December 18, 2003.

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